

# Biblical Answers -- Week 17

## Pride

1 Peter 5:5 All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." 6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.

James 4:6-10 That is why Scripture says: "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." 7 Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8 Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. 9 Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. 10 Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

Pride defined:

- The quality of having an \_\_\_\_\_ high opinion of oneself or one's importance.
- The quality of having a really \_\_\_\_\_ opinion of yourself and what God says about you.
- It's an \_\_\_\_\_ with folks who are not as smart as you.
- It's living \_\_\_\_\_ of God with your body, soul, and spirit.

Summary and result of the pride quiz:

- If a person is \_\_\_\_\_ with worldly lusts, desires, ambitions, pride, and love, he has no claim on this \_\_\_\_\_ grace available to him.
- It is not always manifested in ways that other men can see, but it is never hidden from God's \_\_\_\_\_.
- God sees our pride a spiritual \_\_\_\_\_.
- Do I forsake the opportunity to be \_\_\_\_\_ acquainted with God on a deeper level because I am driven by personal success?

This pride of ours shuts itself off from God for several reasons.

1. It does not know its own \_\_\_\_\_.
2. It walks, or at times struts, in proud \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_.
3. It cherishes its own \_\_\_\_\_. Man's pride will be indebted to no man; it will not even be \_\_\_\_\_ to God.
4. It does not recognize its own \_\_\_\_\_. The picture James gives here is of a proud, defiant sinner, setting himself up as his real god, not simply in self-centeredness but in \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_.

5. Therefore, the worldly person's conflict with God can involve a forfeiture of divine \_\_\_\_\_.

Pride is not necessary doing something wrong or sinful, it's just me doing what I want instead of what is \_\_\_\_\_.

### Overcoming Pride

1. Pride is overcome by \_\_\_\_\_ and reminding ourselves we are "but dust".
2. We must always keep rational thoughts in our heads about our \_\_\_\_\_ and our total reliance on God.
3. Our need for personal approval and more attention must be replaced with seeing others' needs and \_\_\_\_\_.
4. We need to look to \_\_\_\_\_ others for their qualities and worth.
5. Remember, Satan is always at work raising up our \_\_\_\_\_ and neediness for approval.
6. We must be aware pride is a \_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_ mechanism against low self-esteem and the need to feel valuable.
7. Pride is a \_\_\_\_\_ to God that we can handle life without His help.
8. In dealing with the problem of self-worth, we must sincerely repent and seek \_\_\_\_\_, giving all glory to God.
9. Pride is the sin of \_\_\_\_\_ and God takes it seriously. (Satan's pride was to think he could rebel and win against God.)
10. \_\_\_\_\_ is not putting ourselves down, but having an honest look at our pride from God's point of view.

### Making it personal:

- \_\_\_\_\_ myself and rejoice that God loves me, and I can trust Him with who I am.
- Trust the power of God to enable me to live an \_\_\_\_\_ life.
- Learn to seek and trust Godly \_\_\_\_\_, not my own.
- Learn how to say "\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_" when pride overwhelms me.
- Let God have full authority in directing my life daily.
- Don't be like the \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ that needs a bit in their mouth.
- Allow God to break down my \_\_\_\_\_.
- Remember God's ways are \_\_\_\_\_ and my way has flaws at times.
- Be careful not to become prideful over my \_\_\_\_\_.
- The sinful nature must be constantly put to death by the power of God in my life.