

## OVERCOMING HEART PROBLEMS

Based on a study by Wendell Winkler

### Lesson 6 - Overcoming Pride and Arrogance

*Intro: Pride thrust Nebuchadnezzar out of men's society, Saul out of his kingdom, Adam out of paradise, Haman out of court, and Lucifer out of heaven. Thomas Adam (Church of England clergyman)*

*When man is proud, he exalts himself and displaces God. Augustine (Philosopher)*

*Pride is the first pier and president of hell. Defoe (Author; Robinson Crusoe, journalist)*

*Pride is the never-failing vice of fools. Alexander Pope (Poet, satirist)*

*Pride is the complete anti-God state of mind. C.S. Lewis (author & theologian)*

\* Pride can invade every facet of our lives. Name some of them.

#### 1. Pride Used in Two Senses.

**Good:** In a way that increases one's self-respect and personal dignity. How do these verses relate to that?

Matt.22:39

Romans 12:2

\* Let us never reason that "I'm a nobody". One who as no self-respect demands no respect from others. Yet, God wants us to demand respect of others (Acts 2:47).

**Bad:** In a way that increases self-importance and arrogance and leads to a feeling of being better than others. How do these verses relate to that?

Luke 18:9-14

Isaiah 13:11

#### 2. Pride Is a Sin

What do the following scriptures say about pride?

Pro. 21:4

Mark 7:21-23

Ro. 1:19-23

2 Tim.3:1-5

1 Jo.2:15-17

### 3. Examples of Pride. What did pride cause in these examples?

Ananias & Sapphira (Acts 5:1-11)

Disciples (Mk.9:33-35, Luke 22:24)

Disciples (Jo.13:1-11)

### 4. Pride can lead to many other things:

Pride can prevent C \_\_\_\_\_ ION! (Matt.18:1-4, Matt.5:3, Acts 24:25)

Pride can prevent C \_\_\_\_\_ ION! (1 John 18-10)

Pride can cause on to live beyond their M \_\_\_\_\_ and try to keep up with the J \_\_\_\_\_!

Pride can cause C \_\_\_\_\_! (Pro.13:10)

Pride can cause R \_\_\_\_\_! (Psa.10:4)

Pride can cause \_\_\_\_\_! (3 John 9-10)

Pride can cause one to \_\_\_\_\_! (1 Cor.10:12)

### 5. The Cure for Pride:

- Remember that we are but men.
- Do not depend on ourselves but depend on God.
- Walk humbly with God. (Micah 6:8)
- Do not think more highly of yourself than you ought to.
- Love will cure pride (1Cor.13:4)
- We must develop God's attitude toward pride. (Pro.6:16-19, 16:18-20)
- We will only come to glory in the cross of Christ. (Gal.6:14)
- We must crucify self. (Gal.2:20)