

Pride self test

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Pride is perhaps the most dangerous of all sin. No person is immune from an infection of pride. Pride is what made Lucifer Satan. It turns God's hand against us and invites ruin on our lives. It can gain a foothold in our lives without us even realizing it.

Pride self-test: Please take this test before proceeding:

- Do you consider yourself to be better than other people?
- Do you refrain from doing things that would be embarrassing?
- Do you have difficulty raising your hands in worship to God?
- Do you let what others may think about you hold you back from doing things?
- Do you have trouble admitting when you are wrong?
- Do you consider yourself to always be right?
- Do you get angry when someone doesn't agree with you?
- Do you look down on others because of their race, gender, creed, education, position, personal hygiene or appearance?
- Do you find yourself habitually interrupting people in conversations to give your comments?
- Do you enjoy being the center of attention at parties?
- Do you enjoy talking about yourself in front of others?
- Do you find it hard to be impressed with what other people have done?
- Do you feel that you have an answer for everything?
- Do you frequently respond to other people's stories with "I know," or "that's nothing"?
- Do you strive to impress others with your wealth, your possessions, how you drive, body appearance, athletic ability, professional ability, or humor?
- Do you find yourself criticizing others?
- Do arrogant people *really* annoy you?
- Do you like to always be first or at least near the front of the line?
- Is it important to you to always win?

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- Do you take pride in being a humble person?

If the answer to the any of the above questions was "yes," we encourage you to read on.

Pride is sin: Proverbs makes it clear that pride is sin: "Haughty eyes and a proud heart, the lamp of the wicked, are sin" (Proverbs 21:4 NIV). "

The LORD detests all the proud of heart. Be sure of this: They will not go unpunished. (Proverbs 16:5 NIV). (see also

[Proverbs 6:16-18](#)

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What pride does to us:

- **Pride inhibits Christian harmony** (Romans 12:16)
 - **Corrupts our ability to show true love** (Love is not proud -1 Corinthians 13:4)
 - **Deceives us:** "The pride of your heart has deceived you.." Obadiah 1:3 NIV
 - **Causes us to forget God:** "then your heart will become proud and you will forget the LORD your God" Deuteronomy 8:14 NIV (also [Psalm 10:4](#))

 - **Hardens our hearts:** "But Hezekiah's heart was proud and he did not respond to the kindness shown him" 2 Chronicles 32:25 NIV
 - **Blocks prayers, healing and forgiveness** ([Psalm 18:27](#))
 - **Keeps God distant** : "For though the LORD is exalted, Yet He regards the lowly, But the haughty He knows from afar" (Psalm 138:6 NASB).
 - **Brings ruin on our lives:** "Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall" Proverbs 16:18 NIV (also [Proverbs 15:25, Zephaniah 3:10-12, Leviticus 26:19, Daniel 5:20, Job 20:5-7](#)
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Sources of Pride

- **Wealth and skill** (Ezekiel28:5)
- **Beauty** (Ezekiel 28:17, [Isaiah 3:16](#))
- **Position and power** ([Isaiah 14:11-15](#) , [2 Chronicles 26:16](#))

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- **Wisdom:** (Ezekiel 28: 2)
- **Religion:** (Luke 18:11-12, [Luke 18:9-14](#))

Dealing with Pride: If you have sinned by pride in your life, we encourage you to confess and repent from it. Here are suggested prayers to confess and repent of pride:

- **Confess:** "Father God, I confess that I have been prideful in these specific ways:(name them all). I see my pride as sin and I ask your forgiveness through the blood of Jesus Christ. Thank you, Lord, for this forgiveness I have in Jesus Christ."

- **Repent:** Repenting from our sin is just as important as confessing it ([Luke 13:3](#)). Repentance means to turn from our sin and commit our way to living for God.

"Father God, I turn from my pride now, and I surrender every area of my life that has been a source of pride:(name them all). I lay them all down before your throne, and commit myself to serving You in humility. I ask for opportunities each day to put on humility. I renounce any evil spirits I have allowed in through my pride and command you in the name of Jesus Christ to depart from me and trouble me no more. I close the door to pride, bar it with the cross of Christ and seal it with the blood of Christ, Amen."

Put on humility: Humility reverses the effects of pride. When we put on humility, we gain God's favor and assistance in the battles we face. Humility can even change God's mind. King Josiah's humility postponed God's judgment on Israel ([Chronicles 34:27](#)). Humility combined with prayer and repentance opens the doors to forgiveness and healing

([2 Chronicles 7:14](#)

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[1 Peter 5:5-6](#)

, [Isaiah 2:12](#), [Psalm 18:27](#), [Psalm 37:11](#), [Matthew 5:5](#)

. Here are some ways to put on humility each day:

- Surrender control of our lives to God
- Follow Jesus and make him master of our lives ([Philippians 2:5-8](#))
- Consider others better than ourselves ([Philippians 2:2-4](#))
- Be quick to listen and slow to speak ([James 1:9](#))
- Spend time praising and worshiping God

Humility

Humility is something we must put on daily as we submit ourselves to God. It will help us greatly when we resist the devil (James 4:7). Part of the submitting process involves being "clothed with humility." Peter wrote, "All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time." (1 Peter 5:5-6 NIV) Humility wins us God's favor, grace and restoration.

[Pride](#) sets a person apart from the rest of the pack. In the mind of the proud, he is better than those around him, standing head and shoulders above the rest. He is an easy target for the enemy to find, since God's favor no longer shields him ([Psalm 5:12](#)). If his pride kept him from sharing his needs with his fellow Christians, he will lack prayer cover. If his pride kept him from asking God for help with his fears, he is vulnerable to stress and worry.

When we clothe ourself with humility, standing firm in his faith in Jesus Christ, we will be able to successfully resist the devil. God joins us in the fight and strengthens us. Humility combined with prayer and repentance opens the doors to forgiveness and healing

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- Spend time praising and worshiping God (see [Meet with God](#))
- [Fasting](#)
- [Making sacrifices](#)

As you do these things, God will help you discover what areas of your life still need to come under Jesus Christ's authority. God will make you strong, firm and steadfast, and the devil will have to flee from you!

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