

# THE PRIDE BIBLE STUDY

**Pride:** *An overly high opinion of oneself; exaggerated self-esteem; conceit; haughtiness; arrogance.*

1. The first thing we need to consider is God's view of pride.
  - a. According to Psalm 138:6 how does God look upon those who are prideful? \_\_\_\_\_  
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  - b. According to Proverbs 3:34 what does God do to the proud mocker? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Can you think of how this might happen? \_\_\_\_\_.
  - c. According to Proverbs 8:13 what does God say he thinks about pride and arrogance? \_\_\_\_\_  
What does that mean for those who are prideful? \_\_\_\_\_  
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  - d. According to Ecclesiastes 7:8 what is better than pride? \_\_\_\_\_  
Which one of these do you practice the most? \_\_\_\_\_.
  - e. According to James 4:6 what is God's disposition toward the Proud? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Can you identify some areas of your life where God may be opposing you because your pride? \_\_\_\_\_.
  
2. Next we will look at what pride does to people and who they become through pride.
  - a. According to Psalm 10:1-3 what do the arrogant do to the weak? \_\_\_\_\_  
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How do arrogant people treat greedy people? \_\_\_\_\_  
How do prideful people act toward God? \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. According to Proverbs 26:12 what does a prideful person tend to think about himself? \_\_\_\_\_.
  - c. According to Romans 12:16 what attitude do prideful people develop toward other people? \_\_\_\_\_  
Can you think of people you won't associate with because you look down on them (be honest)? \_\_\_\_\_.
  - d. According to 1 Corinthians 13:4 what is a very important characteristic of love that has to do with pride? \_\_\_\_\_  
So if someone is very proud what does that show a lack of? \_\_\_\_\_.
  
3. The next verses will consider what results occur when people live in prideful ways.
  - a. According to Proverbs 11:2 what comes along with pride? \_\_\_\_\_  
Can you write down a time you acted in pride and it brought disgrace? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- b. According to Proverbs 16:5 what does God promise will happen to people who are proud in their hearts? \_\_\_\_\_.
  - c. According to Proverbs 16:18 what comes after pride? \_\_\_\_\_.  
What comes when someone has a haughty spirit? \_\_\_\_\_.  
Can you write down a time when you fell because you were doing something in pride? \_\_\_\_\_.
  - d. According to Proverbs 29:23 what does pride do to someone? \_\_\_\_\_.  
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What is something a person should examine if they are low? \_\_\_\_\_.
  - e. According to Isaiah 2:12 what will the Lord do to people that are proud, lofty, and exalted? \_\_\_\_\_.  
Can you think of some ways that God might humble someone? \_\_\_\_\_.  
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  - f. According to Malachi 4:1 what will happen to the arrogant people on the day the Lord comes? \_\_\_\_\_.
  - g. According to 1 Corinthians 8:1 what is one thing that causes people to be puffed up and prideful? \_\_\_\_\_.  
Can you think of anyone who thinks a lot of himself because of what he knows? \_\_\_\_\_.
  - h. According to 1 Corinthians 8:2 what does the prideful man really know when he thinks he knows a lot? \_\_\_\_\_.  
What is it that such a person ought to know? \_\_\_\_\_.
  - i. According to Revelation 3:17 some people become proud because of what they have and they think they do not need anything else. What does God say about such people? \_\_\_\_\_.  
What is it that keeps people from seeing themselves for who they really are? \_\_\_\_\_.  
Do you have any areas of your life where you may not be seeing yourself for who you really are because you are blinded by pride? \_\_\_\_\_.  
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4. Finally we must look at what we need to do in order to not be controlled by pride.
- a. According to Acts 8:21-23 what is wrong in us if we have this pride? \_\_\_\_\_.  
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What are two things that we need to do to correct this condition? \_\_\_\_\_.  
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What are we captive to if we let this condition continue on? \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. According to James 4:10 what do people need to do in order to deal with pride in their lives? \_\_\_\_\_.  
What will God do if we humble ourselves before him? \_\_\_\_\_.  
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5. In what areas of your life do you have pride (your talents and gifts, your looks, your wealth, your friends, your family, your car, your house, your knowledge, your social status, etc.)? \_\_\_\_\_.

