



# *new* LIFE

Part 10

## Pride and Prejudice

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Psalm 147:3 He heals the  
brokenhearted and binds up  
their wounds.





# What can keep us from our healing?





‘Healthy *AND HUMBLE*  
hearts are conduits for  
zoe life.’





# 1. Pride

**Pride touches on our self-belief. Pride makes it impossible to see...**

**Not always obvious – comes in subtle forms**

“The vice I am talking of is Pride or Self-Conceit: and the virtue opposite to it, in Christian morals, is called Humility...According to Christian teachers, the essential vice, the utmost evil, is Pride. Unchastity, anger, greed, drunkenness, and all that, are mere flea bites in comparison: it was through Pride that the devil became the devil: Pride leads to every other vice: it is the complete anti-God state of mind.” — C.S. Lewis



## Definition and origin:

The sin of pride is a heart attitude expressed in an unhealthy, exaggerated attention to self and an elevated view of one's abilities, accomplishments, position, or possessions. Pride has been called "the cancer of the soul", "the beginning of all sin," and "sin in its final form." Ten Hebrew words and two Greek words are generally used in the Bible to refer to it. Pride, in its sinful form, is the direct opposite of humility, a trait that is highly praised and rewarded by God. - Mary Fairchild

**The devil: Isaiah 14:12–15** ...14 I will ascend above the highest clouds; I will make myself like the Most High."



**God says that:**

**Psalm 10:4** “In his pride the wicked man does not seek him; in all his thoughts there is **no room for God**”

*In the pride of his face the wicked does not seek him; all his thoughts are, “There is no God.”*

**Proverbs 8:13** “I hate pride and arrogance, evil behavior and perverse speech”

**Proverbs 11:2** “When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom”





## 1.1 Pride and healthy hearts?

The kind of pride that stems from self-righteousness or self-importance is sin and God hates it because it is a hindrance to seeking Him.

### Healing and Pride –

1. I don't need help / *self-righteous*
2. I hide my weakness, sin and shame I no one may see / *fear of man*





## 1.2 Who and what Jesus are against?

**Matthew 23:13** “But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!...”

Pride

Blindness





## 1.3 Foothold for Pride:

### 1. Not giving God the glory

God gives everything I intelligence, beauty, talent, life...

**1 Corinthians 15:10** But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me.





## 2. Not Rejecting the Glory of Man:

Wanting worship like the devil

**John 2:16** For everything that belongs to the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride in one's lifestyle—is not from the Father, but is from the world.





### 3. See, hear, know the truth, but choose not to change:

Not acknowledging sin | Not acknowledge the truth

### 4. Looking down on others and ungodly judgement:

**Matthew 7:1-3** “Do not judge, so that you won’t be judged. 2 For with the judgment you use, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. 3 Why do you look at the speck in your brother’s eye but don’t notice the log in your own eye? **And**



**James 2** The Sin of Favoritism

## 5. Stubbornness:

Unteachable | un-submissive

### KEY TO BREAK IT

- Intimacy | Permission to look into me
- God and people





## 2. Deal with Pride for Healing:

### 2.1 Constant and regular close look @ how God saved you:

Salvation and YOUR Salvation: Do you remember?

**Romans 3:19** Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God. 20 Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God's sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin.



## ...Righteousness Through Faith

21 But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. 22 This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.





# Faith keeps us humble | Faith excludes pride:

1. Look away of self to God, Jesus
2. Faith is a gift



#1 **Romans 3:26** he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus. 27 Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. Because of what law? The law that requires works? No, because of the law that requires faith. 28 For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law.

#2 **1 Corinthians 1:28** God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, 29 so that no one may boast before him. 30 It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. 31 Therefore, as it is written: “Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord.”





## **2.2 Confess your sins:**

**James 5:16** Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

## **2.3 Guided, convicted and helped I Word and Spirit:**

Receiving guidance and help

## **2.4 Can Someone correct or adjust you?**

Discipleship



## **2.5 Turn your will to God:**

Psalm 10:4 – Make room for God I Seek God

## **2.6 Clothe yourself with Jesus:**

Jesus died on the cross to kill the root of sin, to kill all pride





“For pride is spiritual cancer: it eats up the very possibility of love, or contentment, or even common sense.” ...*[And healing]*

— C.S. Lewis





# Let's pray





