

Introduction:**1. What is pride?**

A. Pride is an excessive _____ of yourself.

• **Pride contains five parts:**

- **A _____ to be higher or greater than God would have us be.**
- **An _____ of ourselves to be greater or better than we really are.**
- **A desire that _____ think and speak of us as greater or better than we really are.**
- **An attempt to _____ greater or better than we really are.**
- **An expression of our excessive self-esteem by our _____ or _____.**

2. _____ of pride against God.

A. Pride causes us to _____ in our own supposed greatness and _____ ourselves, when the surpassing greatness of God should cause us to recognize our unworthiness and magnify our Maker.

Dan 4.30 and the king answered and said, “Is not this great Babylon, which I have built **by my mighty power** as a royal residence and **for the glory of my majesty?**”

Dan 4.37 Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, **praise and extol and honor the King of heaven,** for all his works are right and his ways are just; **and those who walk in pride he is able to humble.**

B. Pride causes us to _____ ultimately for ourselves, and not for our Creator.

Matt 22.36–39 “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” 37 And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. 38 This is the great and first commandment. 39 And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

C. Pride causes us to _____ ourselves and to try to be _____ of everything in our lives.

Obad 1.3 The **pride of your heart** has deceived you,
 you who live in the clefts of the rock,
 in your lofty dwelling,
 who say in your heart,
 “**Who will bring me down to the ground?**”

James 4.13–17 Come now, you who say, “Today or tomorrow **we will go** into such and such a town and spend a year there and **trade and make a profit**”— **14 yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring.** What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. **15 Instead you ought to say, “If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that.”** 16 As it is, you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. 17 So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.

Prov 16.9 The heart of man plans his way,
 but the Lord establishes his steps.

Psa 37.5 Commit your way to the Lord;
 trust in him, and he will act.

D. Pride causes us to pit our own _____ against the infinite wisdom of God.

1 Cor 1.19–20 For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,

and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

20 Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

Luke 1.37 For nothing will be impossible with God.”

E. Pride causes us to put our own love and mercy _____ God’s love and mercy.

- **FIRST EXAMPLE: Sovereign _____**

Rom 9.13–15 As it is written, “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.” 14 What shall we say then? **Is there injustice on God’s part? By no means!** 15 For he says to Moses, “I will have **mercy** on whom I have **mercy**, and I will have **compassion** on whom I have **compassion**.”

Rom 9.18–20 So then he has **mercy** on whomever he wills, and he hardens whomever he wills. 19 You will say to me then, “**Why does he still find fault? For who can resist his will?**” 20 But who are you, O man, to answer back to God? Will what is molded say to its molder, “Why have you made me like this?”

- **SECOND EXAMPLE: Eternal _____ in Hell.**

Matt 25.41 “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the **eternal fire** prepared for the devil and his angels.

Matt 25.46 And these will go away into **eternal punishment**, but the righteous into eternal life.”