

Spiritual Discernment

Lesson 6: Pride and Humility
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High School Class
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Briefly review the main points from last week's lesson.

- We can think of pride as *selfishness* and humility as *selflessness*.
- Pride is in opposition to God's law because it *elevates* man and *depreciates* God.
- Pride is the sin that overtook Satan and prompted his rebellion against God.
- Pride is the same sin that overtook Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden.
- *Self-esteem* is a form of pride because is it not grounded in the Imago Dei.
- Pride shows up in our desire to have our own way and take credit for ourselves.
- Pride is a form of idolatry.

What do you think are some of the ways that pride tends to set men against God and against each other?

Read Daniel 4:28-37. Notice that Nebuchadnezzar ends up with more than he started with (4:36). How does this illustrate that pride is not merely a matter of one's power & possessions? What is it about the *attitude* toward one's power & possessions that makes it a sin?

Why is it such an egregious sin to take singular credit for your accomplishments? (see 1 Cor 4:7-8)

How does Nebuchadnezzar illustrate the principle that "godliness with contentment is great gain"? (see 1 Tim 6:3-11)

What kind of "boasting" is proper? What makes it so? (1 Cor 1:26-31)

Read James 4. List some of the *warnings* and the *promises* contained in this chapter:

Warnings	Promises

Can you think of some practical ways that we can cultivate godly humility and/or guard against pridefulness?