

IV. LIFE A LIFE OF DECREASING PRIDE AND INCREASING **HUMILITY**

*“22 that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts,*

*23 and be renewed in the spirit of your mind,*

*24 and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.”*

Ephesians 4:22-24

The goal is to put **off** pride and put **on** humility.

*“He must increase, but I must decrease.”* John 3:30

*“Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.”* James 4:10

*“5 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,*

*7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.*

*8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.*

*9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name,*

*10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth,*

*11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”* Philippians 2:5-11

**Falling into sin isn't fatal, but staying in sin is.**

**Repent quickly and return to righteousness.**

SE7EN – SURVIVING THE SEVEN DEADLY SINS

Surviving Pride

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INTRODUCTION

A. What is sin?

Sin is **lawlessness** against God's Word as revealed in the Bible.

*“Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness.”* I John 3:4

*“Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned—“* Romans 5:12

B. In this powerful teaching series you'll discover the antidote to the seven deadly sins and how surviving them will help you experience God's best in your life.

TODAY	Surviving Pride
Aug 21	Surviving Lust
Aug 28	Surviving Anger
Sept 4	Surviving Envy
Sept 11	Surviving Greed
Sept 18	Surviving Gluttony
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*“Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,”* Hebrews 12:1

C. **TEXT:** Proverbs 11:2 (Pew Bible/Pg. 625/Old Testament)

## HOW TO SURVIVE PRIDE

### I. KNOW THE DEFINITION OF PRIDE

Excessive belief in one's own abilities  
(Opposite: Humility).

*"For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith."*  
Romans 12:3

The letter "i" is found in the middle of sin and pride.

*"I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."*  
Galatians 2:20

### II. ACKNOWLEDGE PRIDE AS THE ROOT OF ALL SIN

*"12 How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations!*

*13 For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north;*

*14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.'"*  
Isaiah 14:12-14

*"4 Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die.*

*5 For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."*

*6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate."*  
Genesis 3:4-6

*"16 These six things the LORD hates, Yes, seven are an abomination to Him:*

*17 A proud look,..."*  
Proverbs 6:16-17a

### III. UNDERSTAND THE SEVERE CONSEQUENCES OF PRIDE

#### A. Pride destroys relationships.

*"Though the LORD is on high, Yet He regards the lowly; But the proud He knows from afar."*

Psalm 138:6

*"By pride comes nothing but strife,..."*

Proverbs 13:10a

#### B. Pride leads to destruction.

*"Pride goes before destruction, And a haughty spirit before a fall."*  
Proverbs 16:18

*"21 So on a set day Herod, arrayed in royal apparel, sat on his throne and gave an oration to them. 22 And the people kept shouting, "The voice of a god and not of a man!"*

*23 Then immediately an angel of the Lord struck him, because he did not give glory to God. And he was eaten by worms and died."*  
Acts 12:21-23

### III. HUMBLE YOURSELF BEFORE GOD AND OTHERS

*"God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble."*

James 4:6b-7

*"5 Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble."*

*6 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time,"*  
I Peter 5:5-6