

Victory Connect Lesson
Proverbs: Humility is Greater Than Pride
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Key Verse: [Pro 16:18 NKJV] 18 Pride [goes] before destruction, And a haughty (arrogant) spirit before a fall.

Pride is the root of sin and offense. Lucifer fell from heaven when pride was found in his heart. Humility is the absence of pride and arrogance. Many in our world celebrate "pride" towards behavior that God calls sin. We must ask ourselves: "What does God's Word say?"

1. Pride is first in the list of the six things God hates.

[Pro 6:16-19 NKJV] 16 These six [things] the LORD hates, Yes, seven [are] an abomination to Him: 17 A **proud** look, A lying tongue, ...19 ...And one who sows discord among brethren. **God hates the behavior, He loves the people.**

2. Pride leads to destruction, shame and disgrace.

[Pro 11:2 NIV] 2 When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom.

3. Self-check list for pride in the heart:

- a. Tendency to take everything personally
- b. Your feelings (opinions) are right, all others are wrong
- c. Your desires are the most important (dictatorship)
- d. Always think the other person should apologize first
- e. Constant criticism and negativity (language of pride)
- f. Keep thinking of "others" who need to hear this list

How to break pride (pride-breakers):

1. Live with a thankful heart.

[Psa 92:1 NKJV] [It is] good to give thanks to the LORD,...

2. Shift the focus off you by serving.

[Mat 25:21 NKJV] 21 ...'Well [done], good and faithful servant; ...Enter into the joy of your lord.'

3. Be the first to apologize to others.

[1Pe 5:6 NKJV] 6 Therefore **humble** yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may **exalt** you in due time,

4. Repent to God.

[Rev 3:19 NKJV] 19 "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent."

Discussion Questions:

1. Was there a time when pride deceived you?
2. Do you find the self-check list helpful? If so, how?
3. Share how one of the pride-breakers helped you.

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