

BEWARE:
The Ultimate Sin
is Pride

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God's Will Revealed for My Character

1. God Wants to Make Me Wise, Not Foolish
2. God Wants to make Me Teachable, Not Stubborn.
3. God Wants to make Me Righteous, Not Wicked.
4. **God Wants to make Me Humble, Not Proud.**
There are 9 manifestations of pride described in Proverbs.

1. God's Will Revealed for My Character
(2. Relationships & 3. Words)

“Manifestations of Pride” ~Proverbs 16:18

- 1. Being deceitful by covering up sins, faults, and mistakes** (Proverbs 11:2; 28:13).
- 2. Not having close relationships** (Proverbs 18:1-2; Hebrews 10:24-25).
- 3. A lack of admitting when you are wrong** (Proverbs 10:17).

Proverbs 16:18 New King James Version (NKJV)

18 Pride goes before destruction,
And a haughty spirit before a fall.

Stuart Scott , has this amazingly helpful checklist of the thirty common “Manifestations of Pride” It is amazing to note that the first third of the list comes from Proverbs. More Biblical descriptions of pride are in Proverbs (9x) than any other book. Matthew comes in second (7x):

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4. Talking too much (Proverbs 10:19).

5. Talking too much about yourself
(Proverbs 27:2; Galatians 6:3).

6. Being devastated or angered by criticism (Proverbs 13:1).

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7. **Being un-teachable** (Proverbs 19:20; John 9:13-34).
8. **Being sarcastic, hurtful, or degrading** (Proverbs 12:18, 23).
9. **Being defensive or blame-shifting** (Genesis 3:12-13; Proverbs 12:1).
10. **Complaining against or passing judgment on God** (Numbers 14:1-4).

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11. **A lack of gratitude in general** (2 Chronicles 32:25).
12. **Anger** (Matthew 20:1-16).
13. **Seeing yourself as better than others** (Luke 7:36-50).
14. **Having an inflated view of your importance, gifts and abilities** (1 Corinthians 4:7).
15. **Being focused on the lack of your gifts and abilities** (1 Corinthians 12:14-25).

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16. **Perfectionism** (Matthew 23:24-28).
17. **Seeking independence or control** (1 Corinthians 1:10-13; Ephesians 5:21).
18. **Being consumed with what others think** (Gal. 1:10).
19. **A lack of service** (Galatians 5:13; Ephesians 2:10).
20. **A lack of compassion** (Matthew 5:7; 18:23-35).

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21. **A lack of asking forgiveness** (Matthew 5:23-24).
22. **A lack of biblical prayer** (Luke 18:10-14).
23. **Resisting authority or being disrespectful** (1 Peter 2:13-17).
24. **Voicing preferences or opinions when not asked** (Philippians 2:1-4).
25. **Minimizing your own sin and shortcomings** (Mat. 7:3-5).

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26. **Maximizing others’ sin and shortcomings** (Matthew 7:3-5; Luke 18:9-14).
27. **Being impatient or irritable with others** (Ephesian 4:31-32).
28. **Being jealous or envious** (1 Corinthians 13:4).
29. **Using others** (Matthew 7:12; Philippians 2:3-4).
30. **Using attention-getting tactics** (1 Peter 3:3-4)

How To Cure the “I” Problem

James 4:1-12

HOW TO CURE THE I PROBLEM

God is in an all out war against PRIDE this morning.

He wants to stamp it out in our lives this morning.

Let's let Him give us an exam this morning and help us cure our “I” problem today!

The most glaring portrait of pride is Lucifer, Satan, the devil.

His downfall was deadly pride:

In this angelic host of the Lord God in heaven, above the archangels and above the seraphim and above the cherubim, there was one that God chose to be the crown prince of them all. His name was Lucifer, the star of the morning, the leader of the host of heaven, the guardian of the throne of God. Into Lucifer's hands was committed all that the Lord God had made and all of the angels that He had created. He was beautiful. He was perfect. And in his beauty and in his perfection he said in his pride that he would be like the Most High God.

Look with me at Isaiah 14:12-15.

How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.

God uses James to reveal that: A Genuine Christian recognizes and turns from pride and its evils (James 4:1-12):

What Will Pride Do If Allowed To Seep Through My Life?

James 4:1-6a

WHAT WILL PRIDE DO IF ALLOWED TO SEEP THROUGH MY LIFE?

The book of James 4:1-6a explains the deadly effects of unabated pride:

Pride poisons my relationships v. 1a

Pride pollutes my life v. 1b

Pride produces anxiety in my life v. 2

Pride plunders my prayers v. 3

Pride provokes God's enmity v. 4-5

Pride prevents my spiritual growth v. 6a

What Will Pride Do?

- **Pride poisons** my relationships (James 4:1a)
- **Pride pollutes** my life (James 4:1b)
- **Pride produces** anxiety in my life (James 4:2)
- **Pride plunders** my prayers (James 4:3)
- **Pride provokes** God's enmity (James 4:4-5)
- **Pride prevents** my spiritual growth (James 4:6a)

**What Happens When
We Resist Pride?
We Humble Ourselves**

James 4:6b-12

Humbling Ourselves

- **Humility prompts** the grace of God (James 4:6b)
- **Humility provides** the deliverance of God (4:7)
- **Humility prospers** intimacy with God (4:8a)
- **Humility promotes** cleansing from God (4:8b-9)
- **Humility prompts** God's success (4:10-12)

Conclusion:
**Clothe Yourself
With Humility**

John 3:30; Colossians 3:12

john 3.30 seven most vital words He Must Increase, but I must decrease

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