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The Pride of Man

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"Humility is nothing but truth, and pride is nothing but lying."

- Unknown

"Pride comes before the fall." That's a very common saying we all have heard and are quick to quote when we see a situation involving the pride in *other* people.

But what about the pride in ourselves? As we know, pride comes in many forms. Superiority and arrogance are just two of them.

Have you ever felt or acted superior to a person? Or maybe knew you were wrong in something, but refused to admit it?

Proverbs 16:18-19 says, "Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before stumbling. It is better to be humble in spirit with the lowly Than to divide the spoil with the proud." It's quite clear that destruction is the ultimate end to a prideful spirit. But humility will bring honor (Proverbs 29:23).

And in James 4:6 it says, "But He gives a greater grace. Therefore it says, 'God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble.' " Again we see that better things come to the humble. But pride is opposing to God.

The best way to combat pride is to seek God and ask his help. Proverbs 8:13 says, that the evil way is pride and arrogance. And God hates it.

(Scripture from NASB version)

Run Of Sin

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As Christians, God has told us to avoid sin. When it comes to those moments when we really struggle, what is the best way to avoid falling to that temptation? We have all tried to avoid sin in our own strength, and more times that not, we fall anyways. We end up feeling like it is hopeless. In our own strength, we can never overcome evil.

Next time we feel a struggle to do wrong, we need remember what it cost God to free us. It was not free or easy for Jesus to give us eternal life. But He loved us enough to pay the price anyway.

In Isaiah 53:4-5 it says, "Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed."

Next time we feel like sinning, we must remember what Jesus went through so we wouldn't have to live like we used to. And still, we run to sin because we don't stop and realize how devastating the price was, or how terrible the consequences can be.

Run from sin, don't allow yourself enough time to get a good look at it. When we really struggle with a certain sin, the best thing to do is to get as far away from it as fast as we can. When Joseph was tempted, he didn't stop to reason with Potifer's wife. He ran.

2 Timothy 2:22 says, "Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart." When we know we are nearing Satan's territory, the best thing we can do is to get away from it as fast as possible, making it impossible for ourselves to turn back to it, and keeping things that way, will keep us where we need to be. Fill your mind with God so that there won't be room for evil.

Our hearts were made to need God, and when we don't have Him, or when we reject Him, it leaves a hole. One we try to stuff with emptiness. Filling our minds with God's Word will keep us from wanting to pack it with things that were never meant to fit.

Psalm 119:11 says, "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee." Keeping the Bible in our hearts will also give us the ability to remember scripture when we feel tempted.

This is how Jesus resisted temptations from the devil.

(All Scripture taken from the KJV Bible version.)

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