

Youth Group Lesson

Topic:

Pride

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Description & Scope:

Definition: Pride is defined in the **negative** way as one that has an unduly high opinion of oneself. It is one who is arrogant and one who seems haughty. But **pride** also has a **positive** side — when a person has dignity and self-respect.

*The opposite of pride is humility.

There are 3 **types of pride**:

- Dignity
- Superiority and
- Arrogance

What are the real life challenges?

1. When pride is in our life, we tend to find fault with others. It leads to negativity in relationships, friendships, damages workplace relationships
2. Pride leads to belittling others, which may cause harm to the other individual
3. Prideful individuals tend to brag and boast about the things they have done, which may not always be welcome in any group or community. It leads to disagreements, verbal arguments and fights
4. Having pride leads to segregation in a group or community, being treated differently and being dismissed as being a prideful person, that even if there was anything meaningful said, it will not be taken into account.

Other Sources of Information (Articles, Videos, sermons, etc.)

<https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/seven-subtle-symptoms-of-pride> - 7 subtle symptoms of pride

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=5&v=THNPmhBl-8I - funny

<https://www.crosswalk.com/1264216/>

<https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/pride-is-your-greatest-problem>

<https://www.gotquestions.org/pride-Bible.html>

<https://www.openbible.info/topics/pride> - verses

<https://www.johnmaxwell.com/blog/the-problem-of-pride/>
<https://ministrytoyouth.com/youth-group-lessons-on-pride/>

What does Bible say?

The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector - Luke 18: 9-14 - use as story to discuss

The Pharisee is prideful in pointing his finger at others and saying he is not like them. He also boasts that he fasts and he gives to the church. The tax collector, on the other hand, would not even look up to Heaven and asked for mercy, admitting that he is a sinner. Jesus said that the tax collector went home justified before God.

Proverbs 16: 18 - Pride goes before destruction, arrogance before a fall

Group Discussion:

- What are some instances in which pride is considered a 'good thing'?
- Share a time when you felt prideful or better than someone.
- Share a time when you felt judged as 'less than' by someone and how it made you feel.
- Why do you think that pride is such a challenge for Christians?
- How can we help one another not to compare ourselves to others?

Action & Follow-up:

- We must understand how dangerous it is, having even a little pride in anything.
- We should be ready to face any kind of situation carefully, not leaving any gap for pride to enter our hearts.
- We should practice humility.
- Pray to God and plead Him to teach you how to be humble to others.
- Always rejoice and give glory to God.

- Do not lean on your own understanding but rely on God's help.

Prayer:

Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me and lead me in the way everlasting! (Psalm 139:23–24)

Dear Lord,

You are the God above all gods. Your name is Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. You sit on the throne of heaven. When YOU speak, who dare change your plans? When YOU move, who dare stop you?

Lord, I have knowingly, and I have ignorantly come against your will and your ways. I have spoken words of total surrender to you, and yet I have been so ready to protect myself from godly advice and godly change. I have been so ready to defend myself against humility.

Open my eyes to the blessings of humility. Let me not see humility as the world sees it, but in its beauty and fullness of joy.

I am comforted with the knowledge that you are full of mercy, compassion, forgiveness, and love.

Amen!