

# Being Faithful in an *Un*Faithful World!

## The Problem with PRIDE

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I will not tolerate people who slander their neighbors.

I will not endure conceit and pride.

*I will search for faithful people to be my companions.*

Only those who are above reproach will be allowed to serve me.

Psalm 101:5-6

### Top 10 *Dangers* with PRIDE..

1. PRIDE *assures* us we're not so bad
2. PRIDE *doesn't understand* the reason God calls us sinners.
3. PRIDE *can be* very respectable and moral
4. PRIDE *will not give* God his rightful place.
5. PRIDE *will struggle* to do better.
6. PRIDE *allows life* to revolve around ourselves.
7. PRIDE *keeps self* on the throne.
8. PRIDE *leads to* a reprobate mind
9. PRIDE *enslaves* us in the sin Christ came to free us from
10. PRIDE *will agree to assistance* but not to surrender.

**Job 36:8-10** If they are bound in chains and caught up in a web of trouble, he shows them the reason. He shows them their sins of pride. He gets their attention and commands that they turn from evil.

**2 Timothy 2:3-5** They will be unloving and unforgiving; they will slander others and have no self-control. They will be cruel and hate what is good. They will betray their friends, be reckless, be puffed up with pride, and love pleasure rather than God. They will act religious, but they will reject the power that could make them godly. Stay away from people like that!

### God steps to *repent* of PRIDE

James 4:7-8

- **Submit yourselves to God**

This means an unconditional acceptance of Jesus Christ as Lord of your life.

#### **Resist the Devil and he will flee from you**

This means learning and quoting Scripture when temptations come.

**1 Timothy 2:1, 2** I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them. Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity.

- **Come close to God and God will come close to you**

**James 4:10** Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up in honor.

- **Wash your hands of sin**

Is there an activity you need to stop?

Are you carrying any guilt for offending someone?

- **Purify your hearts...your loyalty is divided between God & the world**

**James 4:6** God opposes the proud but favors the humble.

Do you really hate sin and love the things of God?

### **The results of *receiving* God's GRACE**

**1 Corinthians 15:10** But whatever I am now, it is all because God poured out his special favor on me—and not without results. For I have worked harder than any of the other apostles; yet it was not I but God who was working through me by his grace.