

19) Who can you confess your sins of pride to?

20) How will this help?

1 Peter 5:5-6 (GW) ⁵ Young people, in a similar way, place yourselves under the authority of spiritual leaders. Furthermore, all of you must serve each other with humility, because God opposes the arrogant but favors the humble. ⁶ Be humbled by God's power so that when the right time comes he will honor you.

21) What is God's promise for the humble?

22) How can you practice humility?

As John Owen said, "There are two things that are suited to humble the souls of men, and they are, first, a due consideration of God, and then of themselves—of *God*, in his greatness, glory, holiness, power, majesty, and authority; of *ourselves*, in our mean, abject, and sinful condition."

The 7 Deadly sins Pride

Isaiah 14:9-15 (GW) ⁹ Sheol below wakes up to meet you when you come. It wakes up the ghosts of the dead, all who were leaders on earth. It raises all who were kings of the nations from their thrones. ¹⁰ All of them will greet you, "You also have become weak like us! You have become like one of us!" ¹¹ Your pride has been brought down to Sheol along with the music of your harps. Maggots are spread out like a bed under you, and worms cover you. ¹² How you have fallen from heaven, you morning star, son of the dawn! How you have been cut down to the ground, you conqueror of nations! ¹³ You thought, "I'll go up to heaven and set up my throne above God's stars. I'll sit on the mountain far away in the north where the gods assemble. ¹⁴ I'll go above the top of the clouds. I'll be like the Most High." ¹⁵ But you've been brought down to Sheol, to the deepest part of the pit.

1) What did Pride cause the devil to do according to these verses?

2) What was the result of the devil's pride?

Pride is thinking much about one's self and much of one's self.
(Hit List: Taking Aim at the Seven Deadly Sins - Brian Hedges)

3) Would you agree with this definition of pride? What would you add to this ?

[pride is] the love of self, even to the contempt of God.—St. Augustine.

4) How does Augustine's definition differ from Hedges?

5) Why is pride a sin?

6) When did the devil rebel against God?

7) What was the devil's original sin in rebelling against God?

Genesis 3:4-6 (GW) 4 “You certainly won’t die!” the snake told the woman. 5 “God knows that when you eat it your eyes will be opened. You’ll be like God, knowing good and evil.” 6 The woman saw that the tree had fruit that was good to eat, nice to look at, and desirable for making someone wise. So she took some of the fruit and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

8) How did the snake tempt Eve?

9) What were the steps to Eve's committing sin?

10) Why do you think Pride is called the first of the deadly sins?

11) Why do you think pride is called the mother of all sin?

Proverbs 8:12-14 (GW) 12 “I, Wisdom, live with insight, and I acquire knowledge and foresight. 13 To fear the LORD is to hate evil. I hate pride, arrogance, evil behavior, and twisted speech. 14 Advice and priceless wisdom are mine.

12) What things are listed under evil?

13) How many of these things are daughters of pride?

James 4:6 (GW) 6 But God shows us even more kindness. Scripture says, “God opposes arrogant people, but he is kind to humble people.”

14) How does God oppose arrogant people?

15) How does God show kindness to humble people?

Jeremiah 9:23 (GW) 23 This is what the LORD says: Don’t let wise people brag about their wisdom. Don’t let strong people brag about their strength. Don’t let rich people brag about their riches.

16) What kinds of pride is God condemning? Why?

Jeremiah 9:24 (GW) 24 If they want to brag, they should brag that they understand and know me. They should brag that I, the LORD, act out of love, righteousness, and justice on the earth. This kind of bragging pleases me, declares the LORD.

17) What should we brag about?

The Remedy for Pride

Matthew 20:28 (GW) 28 It's the same way with the Son of Man. He didn't come so that others could serve him. He came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many people.”

18) How did Jesus combat pride in his earthly life?

James 5:16 (GW) 16 So admit your sins to each other, and pray for each other so that you will be healed. Prayers offered by those who have God's approval are effective.