



Some could use a reminder that all pride is sinful

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“God, I thank you that I am not like other people – robbers, evildoers, adulterers – or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.”

It was drilled into me – pretty much from birth – that pride is a sin. Specifically, I was taught that:

To have pride in your possessions is a sin.

To have pride in your appearance is a sin.

To have pride in your popularity is a sin.

To have pride in your education is a sin.

To have pride in your job is a sin.

To have pride in your abilities is a sin.

In short, to have pride in anything you have accomplished is a sin.

Many of you have heard this sermon more than once; a few probably even said "Amen" – either silently or out loud – as you were reading.

But what a lot of people don't realize is that pride can also extend to other areas of life.

Consider the following:

To have pride in overcoming your circumstances in life is still pride – and pride is a sin.

To have pride in your knowledge of the Scriptures is still pride – and pride is a sin.

To have pride in what you tithe is still pride – and pride is a sin.

To have pride in your ability as a preacher is still pride – and pride is a sin.

To have pride in the number of people you have saved is still pride – and pride is a sin.

In short, to have pride in how devout you are is still pride – and pride is a sin.

“But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’”

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