



# “The Pride of Life”

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## I. *I John 2:15-17*

### A. Pride

1. **Greek – From Braggadocio; Self-confidence, boasting**
2. **Too high an opinion of one’s own ability or worth; consciousness of one’s own dignity.**
3. **God’s definition: Anything that brings attention to itself or exalts itself above the knowledge of God.**

### B. Pride of Life

1. Anything in this world that leads to high-mindedness or a puffed up attitude.
2. Why it is so dangerous:
  - Pride is the spark of all strife (**Proverbs 13:10**)
  - Pride blinds Spiritual Perception (**Revelation 3:17**)
  - Pride is the predecessor of destruction (**Proverbs 16:18, Proverbs 29:23**)

- **God despises a lot of things, but pride is at the top of the list: proud look**

## II. *I Timothy 6:17*

### A. **Rich in this world**

1. Charge them that has possession of things (stuff)...
2. Rich young ruler – His pride in what he had would not allow him to release the very thing he needed to release in order to obtain the kingdom of God. He didn’t have riches...the riches had him!

### B. **Highminded**

1. **Lofty in mind; arrogant; prideful**
2. Remember, anything that exalts itself about the knowledge of God is pride; so how do we overcome it? **II Corinthians 10:5** – “Cast down imaginations and every HIGH thing and bring into captivity every thought...”

### C. The Balance of Life

1. **Romans 12:3** – You should think of yourself through God’s grace, through His love. This is not “Prideful-thinking” but “Heavenly-thinking”.
2. When everything you do, everything you say is about God...then you eliminate the place of it being about you (Most people don’t realize how much they talk about themselves...it’s about the attention...where is it in your life?)