

Pride

**Challenging God's right
to define the rules
and keep the books
of the universe.**

Luke 15:25-32

"25 Now his older son was in the field, and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. 26 And he summoned one of the servants and began inquiring what these things might be. 27 And he said to him, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound." 28 But he became angry, and was not willing to go in; and his father came out and began entreating him. 29 But he answered and said to his father, "Look! For so many years I have been serving you, and I have never neglected a command of yours; and yet you have never given me a kid, that I might be merry with my friends; 30 but when this son of yours came, who has devoured your wealth with harlots, you killed the fattened calf for him." 31 And he said to him, "My child, you have always been with me, and all that is mine is yours. 32 But we had to be merry and rejoice, for this brother of yours was dead and has begun to live, and was lost and has been found."

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Autonomous

Pride is a separatist spirit.

***- it places itself above others,
including God.***

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Competitive

Pride is a superficial, score-keeping spirit.

***- it is always keeping score so as to prove
the superiority of the self.***

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Narcissistic

Pride is a self-centered spirit.

***- it has little energy or empathy for the
honor of anyone but self.***

Pride is not:

1.
Seeking or valuing the praise of others
so much as being aloof from their opinions.
2.
Finding in others something that we admire
so much as projecting our ego on them.
3.
Something that threatens God
so much as robbing us of fellowship with God & others.
4.
Making a big deal of our lowly estate
so much as being consumed with self-image.

How can I know if I have a proud spirit?

1.

**Do I have a hard time
seeing pride as MY core problem?**

2.

**Do I have a hard time
getting past or over “my self?”**

3.

**Do I particularly despise
proud people?**

Romans 1:21

“For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God, or give thanks; but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened.”