

THE PROBLEM WITH PRIDE

1 Corinthians 13:4 "Love is never boastful or proud."

| 1. What pride does to relationships |
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| "Arrogance causes nothing but trouble." - Proverbs 13:10 (GN) |
| * It produces |
| "Take the log out of your own eye first, and then you'll be able to see and take the speck out of your brother's eye." - Matthew 7:5 |
| * It provokes |
| "Let us not be ambitious for our own reputations, for that only means making each other jealous." - Galatians 5:26 (Ph) |
| "Pride only breeds quarrels." - Proverbs 13:10 (NIV) |
| * It postpones |
| "A man who refuses to admit his mistakes can never be successful. But if he confesses and forsakes them, he gets another chance." - Proverbs 28:13 (LB) |

"Don't cherish exaggerated ideas of yourself or your importance, but try to have a sane estimate of your capabilities..." - Romans 12:3 (Ph)

2. The antidote to egotism

| "Who can say `I've kept my heart pure. | I am clean without sin'?" | - Proverbs 20:9 |
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| b. | Experience | | | | |
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"May you be able to feel and understand ... how long, how wide, how deep, and how high God's love really is; and to experience this love for yourselves ... so at last you will be filled up with God himself!" - Ephesians 3:18-19 (LB)

"The proof of God's amazing love for us is this: that while we are sinning, Christ died for us." - Romans 5:8 (Ph)