

# The Pride of Life

1 John 2:15-17

## Introduction:

- A. All sin comes from one or more of three avenues of sin listed in verse 16.
  - 1. First sin involved all three (Gen. 3:6).
  - 2. Perhaps pride is the most insidious of the three – even poses as humility (Col. 2:18, 23)
- B. The pride condemned is equivalent to arrogance, boastfulness, haughty.
  - 1. Not what we speak of being proud of something or someone.
  - 2. However, there is a thin line between the two that we need to watch.
- C. We want to notice three great dangers of the pride of life.

## Discussion:

### **I. It Hinders Vital Relationships.**

- A. Our relationship with God (Prov. 6:17; Jas. 4:6, 10; 1 Pet. 5:5,6; Pharisee and publican).
- B. Our relationship with good people (Rom. 12:16 NKJ, NIV)
  - 1. A stuck up braggart turns off good people.
  - 2. Religious pride turns people off to our message (cf. John 9:34).

### **II. It Leads One into Sin.**

- A. The attitude itself is sinful (Rom. 1:30).
- B. The attitude leads to other sins (Prov. 16:18)
  - 1. King Saul (1 Sam. 15:10-17).
  - 2. Peter (Matt. 26:33; Gal. 2:11-12).
  - 3. Simon the Sorcerer (Acts 8)

### **III. It Keeps One in Sin.**

- A. Conversion requires humility (Matt. 18:1-4).
  - 1. Humble enough to repent (Acts 2:37, 38; 2 Cor. 7:10).
  - 2. Humble enough to submit to command to be baptized.
- B. Restoration requires humility.
  - 1. The returning prodigal.(Luke 15:19-21).
  - 2. Humble enough to openly confess (1 John 1:9, Jas 5:16).
  - 3. Many will be lost because too proud to publicly correct public sins.
  - 4. Public sins call for public correction. (cf. Acts 16:37)

## Conclusion:

- A. Let's watch our pride – make sure it does not turn into kind condemned in Scriptures.
- B. Let's be truly humble and submissive before God and man – but not a false humility.
- C. Let's make ourselves servants to God and our fellow man.