

**“What’s Holding You Back?”**

**“Pride”**

(Part 5)

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*Heb. 12:1 “...let us strip off every weight that slows us down... And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us.” (NLT)*

## **I. How Pride Will Hinder Your Life**

A. Pride will hold back our relationships with each other

*Prov. 13:10 “Pride leads to conflict...” (NLT)*

*Rom. 12:16 “Live in harmony with each other. Don’t be too proud to enjoy the company of ordinary people. And don’t think you know it all!” (NLT)*

B. Pride will hold back our experience with God

*Ps. 138:6 “...He keeps his distance from the proud.” (NLT)*

*Ps. 5:5 “Therefore, the proud may not stand in your presence...” (NLT)*

C. Pride holds back the blessing of God

*Prov. 15:25 “The Lord tears down the house of the proud...” (NLT)*

*Prov. 16:5 “The Lord detests the proud; they will surely be punished.” (NLT)*

*Prov. 14:3 A fool’s proud talk becomes a rod that beats him...” (NLT)*

D. Pride will hold back fulfillment

*Prov. 11:2 “Pride leads to disgrace...” (NLT)*

*Prov. 16:18 “Pride goes before destruction, and haughtiness before a fall.” (NLT)*

*Prov. 29:23 “Pride ends in humiliation...” (NLT)*

## **II. How Humility Will Bless Your Life**

A. Humility will bless our relationships with each other

*Phil. 2:3 “Don’t be selfish; don’t try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves.” (NLT)*

#### B. Humility will bless our experience with God

*Ps. 69:32 “The humble will see their God at work and be glad. Let all who seek God’s help be encouraged.” (NLT)*

*Ps. 25:9 “He leads the humble in doing right, teaching them his way.” (NLT)*

*Is. 29:19 “The humble will be filled with fresh joy from the Lord.” (NLT)*

#### C. Humility will unlock blessings from God

*James 4:6 “God opposes the proud but favors the humble.” (NLT)*

*Ps. 147:6 “The Lord supports the humble...” (NLT)*

*Ps. 149:4 “For the Lord delights in his people; he crowns the humble with victory.” (NLT)*

*James 4:10 “Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up in honor.” (NLT)*

#### D. Humility will bless our lives with fulfillment

*II Chron. 7:14 “ Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land.” (NLT)*

*Ps. 57:2 “I cry out to God Most High, to God who will fulfill his purpose for me.” (NLT)*

*Ps. 145:19 “He fulfills the desires of those who fear him...” (NLT)*