

## Doesn't The Pride Of Life Make You Sick?



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Can you stand evil?

And do you take pleasure in pride and arrogant behavior? (Proverbs 8:13).

Doesn't pride make you sick and makes your face cringe in disgust from dislike.

There's always someone who thinks they're doing something without the grace of God.

And they're extremely annoying to your spirit.

But your trust and hope is in the goodness, mercy, and righteousness of God. (Psalms 9:10).

The worlds way is not your reality.

You have no interest in succeeding in an immoral system.

You have no interest in being friends with immoral people to engage in immoral behavior. (Psalms 1:1).

And you have no interest in comparing your life with anyone else's pleasure filled but sinful life. (Psalms 37:1).

You accept people for who they are, and you refuse to let them judge you for who you are.

No good thing will the Lord withhold from you because you walk uprightly. (Psalms 84:11).

That has nothing to do with the worlds vision of righteousness through money, fame and power.

You just obey God to the best of your God-given ability.

And when you fall He picks you back up and helps you through another life lesson that brings you closer to discovering His plan for your life.

But there's always room for improvement.

So keep studying the word to do a better job of recognizing your pride so you can stop responding with pride against other people's pride. (1 Tim 2:10).

And instead, realize that where there's pride there's an opportunity for God's mercy and grace to prevail through you.

Just like Paul said, "do not be overcome by evil but overcome evil with good." (Romans 12:21).

Meaning, keep forgiving anyone who did you wrong and be good to them no matter what they did.

Turn the other cheek, look the other way. (Matthew 5:39).

The sooner the better.

And stop holding grudges because of past hurts, unfortunate events and bad experiences.

These are opportunities to obey God, to bless and to receive more blessings.

Live above the pride, self-worth and arrogance.

I know it's hard and some people are relentlessly evil, but it's about letting people know where you stand while holding your peace.

Or else pride will make you sick, lead to excuses, bitterness, uncontrollable disobedience, curses, bad luck, losing, constant punishment and an unfulfilled life full of regrets. (Proverbs 16:18).

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