

## **Root of Pride:**

*God detests pride. He even hates a proud look (Prov. 6:16-17).*

*God's loathing of pride is unalterable, for "Every one that is proud in heart is an abomination to the LORD" (Prov. 16:5).*

7 attributes – John Piper

1. fault finding
2. harsh spirit
3. superficial thinking, talking, & behavior
4. defensiveness
5. presumptions
6. desperation for attention
7. neglecting / ignoring / dismissing others

Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting! (Psalm 139:23–24)

Undetected pride – Johnathon Edwards

1. secret opinions of condescension toward everyone
2. offended easily and often

Rom 12:3 - Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment,

**Disguises** for people with pride might include: (rubber nose and glasses)

1. unhealthy isolation, withdrawal and depression
2. manipulation by passive aggressive defiance and suspicion
3. perfectionism
4. Impatience

Psychological "NEED" for pride? Take pride in yourself... self respect = self worth  
We feel secure **in our own comfort zone** / turf / culture / surroundings...

Thus we are insecure, nervous and embarrassed when we are **out** of our comfort zone. (when we drive, we use my car, we go to my restaurant, shop at my store, listen to my music, on and on)

**My Identity is in Christ**, (should be, Must be, shall be!)

BUT ... Pride finds Identity (and self worth) in...

1. accomplishments, popularity, approval
  2. Title and position
  3. Pedigree (heritage, family name, lineage, culture)
  4. competitions and victories ,
  5. stature, attractiveness
  6. vocabulary, education
  7. financial net worth, social status
  8. possessions – property, houses, cars, clothes
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## I am accepted...

John 1:12 I am God's child.

John 15:15 As a disciple, I am a friend of Jesus Christ.

Romans 5:1 I have been justified.

1 Corinthians 6:17 I am united with the Lord, and I am one with Him in spirit.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 I have been bought with a price and I belong to God

1 Corinthians 12:27 I am a member of Christ's body.

Ephesians 1:3-8 I have been chosen by God and adopted as His child.

Colossians 1:13- 14 I have been redeemed and forgiven of all my sins.

Colossians 2:9-10 I am complete in Christ.

Hebrews 4:14-16 I have direct access to the throne of grace through Jesus

## I am secure...

Romans 8:1-2 I am free from condemnation.

Romans 8:28 I am assured that God works for my good in all circumstances.

Romans 8:31-39 I am free from any condemnation brought against me and I cannot be separated from the love of God.

2 Corinthians 1:21-22 I have been established, anointed and sealed by God

Colossians 3:1-4 I am hidden with Christ in God.

Philippians 1:6 I am confident that God will complete the good work He started in me.

Philippians 3:20	I am a citizen of heaven.
2 Timothy 1:7	I have not been given a spirit of fear but of power , love and a sound mind.
1 John 5:18	I am born of God and the evil one cannot touch me.

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## **So now I AM FREE to walk in Humility!**

1. I am FREE from pretenses (no more pretending) I can laugh at myself...
2. There is HONOR in Humility
3. There is WISDOM in Humility
4. There is SECURITY in Humility
5. There is PEACE in Humility