

SEVEN SINS THE WICKED PRACTICE GOD HATED THAT'S PRESENTED IN PROVERBS 6

In the beginning, sin caused a separation between God and mankind. God sent himself in the form of Jesus Christ, who redeemed humanity by taking on the judgment for our sins. When we choose to engage in sin knowingly or unknowingly, it places a barrier between God and us. God desired to reconcile us back to him and restore the fellowship that began in the garden before the fall of Adam. We must accept the finished work of Jesus Christ and him Crucified on the Cross to enter fellowship with God. When we accept Jesus Christ as our Lord, we then can accept the Holy Spirit to begin fellowship and communion with God. Holy Spirit then guides and teaches us how to live as Jesus did while on earth. Holy Spirit dwells with us permanently; however, it doesn't make us sinless, but instead, Holy Spirit helps us sin less. This was all available through the bloodshed on the Cross and entering in the ability to repent for sins due to Jesus' sacrifice. Let us look at the seven sins laid out in Proverbs 6 that God detested and what can we do to overcome these sins. First being pride, followed by a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that manufactures wicked thoughts and plans, feet that are swift in running to evil, a false witness who breathes out lies, and sows discords among his brothers.

Scripture Reference

Proverbs 6:16-19 AMP

16 These six things the Lord hates, indeed, seven are an abomination to Him:

17 A proud look [the spirit that makes one overestimate himself and underestimate others], a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,

18 A heart that manufactures wicked thoughts and plans, feet that are swift in running to evil,

19 A false witness who breathes out lies [even under oath], and he who sows discord among his brethren.

Proverbs 6:16-19 KJV

16 These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him:

17 A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,

18 An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief,

19 A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.

PRIDE

The first sin on the list is pride. Pride was the first sin exercised that led to a rebellion against God.

In Isaiah 14:12-15, we read, *"How art you fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art you cut down to the ground, which did weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit"* (KJV).

Pride is to raise oneself high against another. It is an attitude of arrogancy that results in people who deny God's authority. Here in the verses of Isaiah, we see Satan himself tried to usurp God's authority by refusing to accept he was not God and desired to be praised and worshipped in God's place. Usurp means to take a position of power or importance illegally or by force. Pride is grounded in self-righteousness and the cause



of man falling. Pride is not just the form of boastfulness; but also the inability to receive. Pride says we know more than God and what is best for our lives.

In Isaiah 42:8, we read, *“I am the LORD: that is My Name: and My glory will I not give to another, neither My praise to graven images”* (KJV). In *proverbs 16:18*, we always read and here, *“Pride goes before destruction, and haughtiness before a fall”* (ESV). Practicing pride in our lives will end in the same result as Satan. He could not remain in Heaven due to his position to rebel against God, so he was tossed out of Heaven. Pride immediately places us further away from God instead of closer, opposite his desire to have a relationship with him. We must ask the Holy Spirit to help us identify any areas of our lives that we are practicing pride and how to overcome this sin with his help.

Overcoming Pride with Humility

Combatting pride requires us to come with a humble heart and acknowledge that we are dependent upon Holy Spirit because of Jesus. Pride is self-exalting over God or others while humility is a modest or low view of one's own importance. C.S. Lewis said, “True humility is not thinking less of yourself; it is thinking of yourself less. This reminds me of the position that Jesus took throughout his life span. Jesus' example of humility presented in Philippians 2:3-8 is the greatest example and antidote against the sin pride. Let's examine Philippians 2:3-8 (ESV) below.

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Philippians 2:3-8 (ESV)

Jesus considered others more than himself when he chose the road to take up the cross with the knowledge it would be a painful death. He thought of us more than himself. When we are to count others more significant than ourselves, it does not mean for us to have thoughts we are superior to others. The only supreme being is God alone. We should not be selfish by only concerning ourselves with our own lives but look into caring about the interest of others. When we become born again believers in Christ, we are now a part of his body; and as being part of the body, there is a love we must demonstrate towards all as Jesus did. Jesus went to the cross and died for all of humanity's sins, even those he knew would reject him. Jesus's interest was to do the will of God the father. God's highest interest was to restore mankind to him.

When told to take on the mind of Christ, we are to operate in humility. We are allowing ourselves to not be subjected to our own opinions but to take on the position of Christ when we do things. Then we see Jesus did not even operate in His deity form as God but instead remained in human form to take on the wages of sins for us all. He remained humble until the end, which is how we should live our lives in combatting the sin pride. Jesus showed us how to take the low road. Since he humbled himself unto death on the cross, he then was exalted to the right hand of God. In Matthew 23:2, we read, *“Whoever exalts himself will be humbled and whoever humbles himself will be exalted”* (ESV). My prayer is that we will begin to ask the Holy Spirit to help us become humble in every area of our lives to showcase humility as Jesus did while on earth.

Examine Yourself



Dwell with the Holy Spirit to highlight areas of your life that needs to be transformed from operating in the spirit of pride to the spirit of humility. Go through the questions at the bottom of the teaching and begin searching every area of your life that needs to be renewed.

- Is there any place in my life that cause me to act superior to others?
- Do I believe that my accomplishment, career, business, ministry, gifts, talents, or any other accolades were my own doing?
- Do I find myself pointing my achievements to myself and not God or those God has sent to assist me throughout my life?

