



# **ABUNDANT RAIN EMPOWERMENT CHURCH**

**Series: DEAL WITH IT! - Dealing with Pride**

Pride is an excessively high opinion of one's own dignity, importance, merit or superiority whether as cherished in the mind or displayed in conduct.

Pride wrecks our relationships with God and others. C.S. Lewis wrote, "Pride always means enmity (hatred) not only between man and man, but enmity (hatred) to God... A proud man is always looking down on things and people: and, of course if you are looking down, you cannot see something that is above you."

Once we recognize the symptoms of pride in our lives, we have two choices: we can ignore the symptoms and let pride destroy us, or we can ask God to show us the extent of our problem and trust Him to help us deal with it!

## **Symptoms of Pride**

1. You will steal God's glory. (Deut. 8:11-18)
2. You are argumentative and stubborn. (Prov. 13:10)
3. You will not seek God for counsel. (Psalm 10:4)
4. You will not manifest the true love of God. (1 Cor. 13:4)

The symptoms of pride can be a long list. We also see pride in impatience, sarcasm, a critical attitude and an unteachable spirit.

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# DEALING WITH PRIDE

## Strategy:

1. Learn about the greatness of God. (1 Chron. 29:11-14)
2. Adjust the way you think about yourself. (Rom. 12:3)
3. Submit yourself to God. (James 4:6-10)
4. Use your gifts to serve others. (1 Peter 4:10)
5. Follow the example of Jesus (Phil. 2:5-11)

## Challenge:

- Have a personal Bible Study about the nature of God especially His Power and Majesty. Ask God to reveal Himself more clearly to you.
- Volunteer to serve others.
- Set a day to fast and pray against the spirit of Pride.

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