

## EMPLOYERS FOR CHRIST: WINNING THE BATTLE AGAINST PRIDE

Definition: Pride is a failure to accept and perceive the reality of our total dependence on God and to see yourself as superior in comparison to others and to then act accordingly.

### KEY POINT: GOD INTENSLY DISLIKES PRIDE IN PEOPLE

Diema 16:5 / Izaga 16:5 / Proverbs 16:5 “The Lord detests all the proud of heart. Be sure of this: They will not go unpunished.”

### KEY POINT: GOD SHOWS HIS FAVOUR TO THE HUMBLE AND NOT THE PROUD

Jakobo 4:6 / EkaJakobe 4:6 / James 4:6 “But He gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: “God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.”

### KEY POINT: THE BIBLE TEACHES US HUMILITY INSTEAD OF SELFISH AMBITION

Bafilipi 2:3-4 / KwabaseFilipi 2:3-4 / Philippians 2:3-4 “**3** Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, **4** not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.”

### KEY POINT: ASK GOD TO HELP YOU AND LEAD YOU ON HIS PATH

Dipsalme 139:23-24 / AmaHubo 139:23-24 / Psalm 139:23-24 “**23** Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. **24** See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.”

### KEY POINT: JESUS IS YOUR PERFECT EXAMPLE OF HUMBLENESS

Johane 13:4-5 / NgokukaJohane 13:4-5 / John 13:4-5 “**4** so He got up from the meal, took off His outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around His waist. **5** After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash His disciples’ feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around Him.”

### KEY POINT: PRACTICAL WAYS TO WIN THE BATTLE AGAINTS PRIDE

1. Be aware of your own pride and those things in your life that causes you to feel pride
2. Be aware of the pride of holiness i.e. you are better than others because of your religion
3. Continuously remind yourself of your need for and dependence on Jesus
4. Be a servant to others by placing their need above your own
5. Resist the urge to justify yourself towards other people

#### REMEMBER:

1. God intently dislikes pride in people
2. God shows His favour to the humble and not the proud
3. The Bible teaches us humility instead of selfish ambition
4. Ask God to help you and lead you on His path
5. Jesus is your perfect example of humbleness
6. Practical ways to win the battle against pride