



## ➤ TWO TRUTHS FROM GOD ABOUT PRIDE

### 1. \_\_\_\_\_.

When your stomachs are full, when you've built comfortable houses to live in, <sup>13</sup> when you have large herds and flocks, when you possess plenty of silver and gold, and when you have more things than you imagined possible; <sup>14</sup> then don't become proud and puffed up and forget Him. He brought you out of the land of Egypt where you were slaves; <sup>15</sup> ...led you through that awful, vast wilderness with its poisonous snakes and scorpions, through that desert where there was no water. He made water come out of a rock; <sup>16</sup> and He fed you in the wilderness with manna, a food your ancestors had never heard of. He did all this to humble you and test you, but it was all intended for your good in the end. **Deuteronomy 8:12-17** (VOICE)

He did it so that you would never feel that it was your own power and might that made you wealthy. **Deuteronomy 8:17** (TLB)

You brag, 'I'm rich, I've got it made, I need nothing from anyone,' oblivious that in fact you're a pitiful, blind beggar, threadbare and homeless. **Revelation 3:17** (MP)

### 2. \_\_\_\_\_.

#### • Giving into pride can result in \_\_\_\_\_.

The pride of Israel testifies against Him. Israel.... <sup>6</sup> With their flocks and their herds they will go to seek the LORD, but they will not find Him. He has withdrawn from them. **Hosea 5:5-6** (MEV)

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In his pride the wicked man does not seek him; in all his thoughts there is no room for God. **Psalms 10:4** (NIV)

#### • Giving into pride can result in \_\_\_\_\_.

Your pride has blinded you to the truth, tucked securely in the clefts of the rocks, safely out of reach. You say to yourself, "Whose attack can reach up here and bring me down...?" <sup>4</sup> Even if you fly high as the eagle, believing yourselves strong and free, and put your nest among the stars, I will have no trouble bringing you down This is declared by the Eternal One." **Obadiah 3:3-4** (VOICE)

Exalting yourself is disgusting to the Lord, for pride attracts his punishment—and you can count on that! **Proverbs 16:5** (TPT)

## ➤ HOW TO MAKE SURE I'M EXALTING GOD & NOT MYSELF

### 1. \_\_\_\_\_.

There was a man in Lystra who couldn't walk. He sat there, crippled since the day of his birth. He heard Paul talking, and Paul, looking him in the eye, saw that he was ripe for God's work, ready to believe. So he said, loud enough for everyone to hear, "Up on your feet!" The man was up in a flash—jumped up and walked around as if he'd been walking all his life. **Acts 14:8-10** (MP)

... Paul and Barnabas went to the Jewish synagogue and preached with such power that a great number of both Jews and Greeks became believers. **Acts 14:1** (NLT)

To keep me from being puffed up with pride because of the many wonderful things I saw, I was given a painful physical ailment...to beat me and keep me from being proud, **2 Corinthians 12:7** (GNB)

### 2. \_\_\_\_\_.

#### • People's observations \_\_\_\_\_.

"The gods have come down! These men are gods!" They called Barnabas "Zeus" and Paul "Hermes" (since Paul did most of the speaking). The priest of the local Zeus shrine got up a parade—bulls and banners and people lined right up to the gates, ready for the ritual of sacrifice. **Acts 14:11-13** (MP)

#### • People's observations \_\_\_\_\_.

Then some Jews from Antioch and Iconium caught up with them and turned the fickle crowd against them. They beat Paul unconscious, dragged him outside the town and left him for dead. **Acts 14:19** (MP)

#### • Fearing their opinion \_\_\_\_\_.

It is dangerous to be concerned with what others think of you, but if you trust the LORD, you are safe. **Proverbs 29:25** (GNB)

### 3. \_\_\_\_\_.

When Barnabas and Paul heard what they were about to do, they tore their clothes and ran into the middle of the crowd, shouting, <sup>15</sup> "Why are you doing this? We ourselves are only human beings like you! We are here to announce the Good News, to turn you away from these worthless things to the living God, who made heaven, earth, sea, and all that is in them. <sup>16</sup> In the past he allowed all people to go their own way. <sup>17</sup> But he has always given evidence of his existence by the good things he does: he gives you rain from heaven and crops at the right times; he gives you food and fills your hearts with happiness." **Acts 14:14-16** (GNB)

Here's a word you can take to heart and depend on: Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. I'm proof--Public Sinner Number One-- <sup>16</sup> of someone who could never have made it apart from sheer mercy. And now he shows me off--evidence of his endless patience--to those who are right on the edge of trusting him forever. **1 Timothy 1:15, 16** (MP)