

APPLICATION

DAY ONE

STEP #1: THE SEARCH (THE PRINCIPLE)

Have each family member read Proverbs 8:13

- [1] What is Pride associated with and why?

Have each family member read Proverbs 11:2

- [1] What is the principle which causes the result listed.

Have each family member read Proverbs 16:18

- [1] What is the principle which causes the result listed.

Discuss how the principles listed in the passages above affect us in our daily lives.

- [1] Is the effect of pride positive or negative?
[2] What principle will allow us to avoid the consequences?

Look this week in the news for situations in which pride plays a part and consider whether the results are positive or negative.

STEP #3: THE PRAYER

End your session with prayer, asking God to give us the wisdom to avoid pride in our own lives, and apply the principle of humility instead.

DAY TWO

STEP #1: THE SEARCH (EFFECTS)

Have each family member read Psalms 10. In this chapter is a cry to God for help against the wicked who are proud. Look for the effects of pride.

STEP #2: THE DISCOVERY

After each family member has completed the search, sit down and talk over the things you learned. Then, discuss these questions.

- [1] Sometimes it seems like God is not near in times of trouble because injustice seems to prevail. Discuss the effects of pride in the lives of the wicked, especially the long-term effects. Are they really winning out? Explain
- [2] Give an example from the Bible, the news, your life, etc. when someone's pride became a source of downfall.
- [3] What do you learn from all of this?

STEP #3: THE PRAYER

End your session with prayer, asking God to help us always to be humble in his sight — even in times of humiliation to draw closer to Him.

DAY THREE

STEP #1: THE SEARCH (Guarding)

Have each family member read Mark 7:21-23.

What is the source of Pride?

How can we prevent this?

Have each family member read Matt. 6:21-23

What is represented by the “eye”?

How can we control our “hearts”?

STEP #2: THE APPLICATION

The easiest time for Satan to influence us is when we are not watching. One of the best ways for us to not be caught off-guard is to practice looking for situations in advance in which we are likely to be tempted and preparing in advance for them.

Separately:

- [1] Make a list of at least 2 situations in which you are tempted to be prideful.
[2] Consider in each situation what the wisest course of action would be.

Together:

- [1] Ask other family members what you should do in these situations.

Daily:

Remind yourself of the long-term effects of pride, and how we should react in situations of temptation.

STEP #3: THE PRAYER

End your session with prayer, asking God to help us as a family to set the right example for each other - to guard our hearts, and to act wisely. Ask for His strength in times of temptation.