

What is pride? Is it good or bad?

- When you feel pride, you feel happy about something you did, something you have, or about the kind of person you are.
 - *Sam felt a lot of pride when he hit a home run for his baseball team in the last game. He had been practicing very hard to make his hitting better.*
 - **This is a good kind of pride.**
 - Have you ever felt proud of yourself for something?
- Pride is a feeling that you are better than others or too good to do certain things that you feel are below you. It is also a feeling that makes you afraid to show any weakness to others or even yourself.
 - *Drew's pride wouldn't let him admit that he was wrong.*
 - *Because of his pride, Mr. Jones would not accept any help from his neighbors.*
 - **This is a bad kind of pride.**
 - This is the kind of pride that Pharaoh of Egypt had.

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- What is the difference between "good pride" (being happy you did your best on a test) and "bad pride" (bragging that you are smarter than everyone else)?
- How does pride hurt our friendships? (Nobody likes to play with someone who bosses them around!)

We are going to watch a quick video about Pharaoh and the plagues in Egypt. When it is over, I want you to tell me what kind of pride Pharaoh had.

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How did Pharaoh show pride? Even though Pharaoh saw the power of God first-hand, he still would not recognize that God is the one true God. (Pharaoh's were typically seen as a god themselves.) He would only acknowledge God until he found relief from a plague. He would then 'harden' his heart and change his mind. He was showing that he was more important than God because he had the 'control' of whether or not the slaves were released. He lied to get his way. (That can be a form of pride believing you are more important than someone else so that you will do anything to benefit yourself.)

#TargetPractice: What was the result of Pharaoh's pride?

Pharaoh would not recognize God as the true God even though he was shown multiple times who God is. Pharaoh proved he would never recognize God or follow Him. As a result, Pharaoh received punishment instead of God's mercy.

“Pride leads to destruction. A proud attitude brings ruin.” Proverbs 16:18

When we have the bad kind of pride and think of ourselves as better than others and treat others badly, there is typically a point where we face correction or humiliation. (a bully is eventually put in his place)

When we have that kind of pride toward God, things are even worse. God is the creator of all. He sent His Son to die for us. If we harden our hearts toward Him over and over (refusing to trust and follow Him) then He will give us our wish...to be separated from Him. That is a terrible place to be.

So how do we keep our hearts soft?

- Believe that God is the one true God and place our trust in Him.
 - Follow Him.
 - When He convicts us of something we have done wrong, confess and ask for forgiveness.
 - Treat others with kindness and respect.
 - Be humble.
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- What is one way you can show humility today?