

## “Landmines – Pride”

1. The battle has been \_\_\_\_\_. Christ WAS raised from the dead - sin and death have been DEFEATED.
2. Of all the sins listed in the Bible, the landmine that is the most destructive is \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Proverbs 16:18 warns is that in no uncertain terms the devastation that will erupt from PRIDE. “Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty (arrogant, conceited, self-important) spirit before a fall.”
4. Proverbs 29:23 says: “Pride will RUIN people, but those who are HUMBLE will be honored.”
5. Other sins \_\_\_\_\_ an unmet need in our lives, but PRIDE is a root for many of our sinful thoughts and actions.
6. Satan mistakenly believes that if he can establish a ‘ \_\_\_\_\_ ’ of pride in our lives, he will have ACCESS to our minds, will, and emotions.
7. The truth is that when you and I are immersed in pride, we rarely \_\_\_\_\_ God at all.
8. No one is self-sufficient. We \_\_\_\_\_ each other. We need God 1<sup>st</sup> and then we need one another.
9. God creates us this way because He does not want us to work and live \_\_\_\_\_ - separated from His fellowship and the godly fellowship of other believers.
10. Therefore, it would be better to ask God to give you a \_\_\_\_\_ attitude concerning your job, family, and any other area in which you excel.
11. It does not take the enemy long to sense our areas of \_\_\_\_\_. He studies our actions and our reactions to life’s circumstances.
12. Remember that Satan is NOT omniscient and omnipotent (all-knowing, and all-powerful) and can NEVER know us the way God \_\_\_\_\_ us, he continues to look for an opening in our hearts and emotions.
13. Pride is Satan’s favorite landmine, because usually we are not particularly interested in \_\_\_\_\_ its presence.
14. Pride based on the world’s values always breeds \_\_\_\_\_, which leads to division and strife.
15. Seeking to do your best according to God’s \_\_\_\_\_ and principles will FOCUS to your life. Before you know it, your heart will begin to reflect His goodness and humility to those around you, and you will know what it truly means to be a godly \_\_\_\_\_.

16. When you \_\_\_\_\_ God with your life, you will always be a winner, and you won't have to push or shove anyone out of the way to accomplish it.
17. We need to consider God's \_\_\_\_\_ toward pride. He hates it and makes this very clear in His Word.
18. One of the GREATEST fallouts from pride is that it \_\_\_\_\_ us from God.
19. \_\_\_\_\_ can prevent Him from loving us, but pride can certainly keep us from enjoying His blessings and goodness.
20. Pride always \_\_\_\_\_ itself above and others and certainly above God, something He will NOT abide.
21. I Peter 5:6 says: "...humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time."
22. We must remember that before we can be used, we must be \_\_\_\_\_. We must learn to follow if we want to lead. God is always at work in our lives – molding and shaping us and removing the garbage or anything that could prevent us from fulfilling our God-given purpose.
23. The consequences of PRIDE in the life of the believer:
- A. Pride \_\_\_\_\_ our fellowship with God.
  - B. Pride leads to \_\_\_\_\_ relationship with others.
    - (1.) The truth is, from God's perspective, \_\_\_\_\_ one greater than someone else.
  - C. Pride \_\_\_\_\_ God's blessings and often causes to lose our rewards.
    - (1.) If you and I choose to follow our own path in our own strength, we will miss the \_\_\_\_\_ that God has for us to enjoy.
    - (2.) Matthew 6:33 states: "Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."
  - D. Pride lessens the fullness of \_\_\_\_\_ with God.
    - (1.) Pride \_\_\_\_\_ our hearts to thoughts of worldly ambitions and desires.

(2.) When we joyfully give up our rights to a life we \_\_\_\_\_ to know Christ and to make Him known to others, and to make Him known to others, the tendency to be prideful diminishes.

E. Pride \_\_\_\_\_ our effectiveness as a leader.

(1.) People want to \_\_\_\_\_ someone they trust – someone who has their best interest in mind.

(2.) Prideful leaders are focuses on what they can \_\_\_\_\_.

F. Pride \_\_\_\_\_ us to favor people who build up our egos.

(1.) Everyone wants to be accepted and \_\_\_\_\_.

(2.) The best way to rid of your life of pride is to surround yourself with people who \_\_\_\_\_ for you for the right reasons and not just to stroke your ego.

(3.) Jesus was a \_\_\_\_\_, and following in His footsteps should be our greatest desire.

G. Pride sets the stage for us to make foolish \_\_\_\_\_.

(1.) The prideful person will \_\_\_\_\_ to seek godly wisdom and advice.

(2.) Pride \_\_\_\_\_. Satan wants you to be on your own doing what you think ONLY you can do.

H. Pride shuts down the work of the \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ in our lives.

(1.) When we become prideful, God's \_\_\_\_\_ within our lives fade.

(2.) Discerning people know the \_\_\_\_\_ between right and wrong.

I. Pride breeds \_\_\_\_\_.

(1.) God is not going to \_\_\_\_\_ our work when pride is involved.

(2.) We must also remember that Satan is never \_\_\_\_\_.

(3.) He remains \_\_\_\_\_ in his approach and will continue to pursue us with the goal of destroying our witness and testimony for God.

(4.) Until the day of Christ's return, or God calls us home to be with Him, we must remain \_\_\_\_\_ in our spiritual walk with Him.

24. Pride literally erects an \_\_\_\_\_ wall between the Savior and us. We must keep our hearts turned toward God.

25. Be \_\_\_\_\_ right where you are – praise God for what you have been given, keep your eyes on Him, and your best.