

Today's Theme

“The Danger Zone”

Series Title:

“Staying Encouraged”

Part 23 10/4/20

What Is The Danger Zone?

1. **Five letter word *P R I D E!***
2. **There is a *good version* of pride.**
3. **Also there's a *very negative* side of pride.**
 - (1) ***Hubris*: Preferring *self-will* to God's will.
-A *spirit* that says: I have *no need* of God.**
 - (2) ***Arrogance*: Think they're *superior* to others.
-Having a high *opinion* of one's *importance*.**

12 Signs Of Pride - If:

1. **We *think* we're *humble* & tell others.**
2. **We don't *accept* constructive *criticisms*.**
3. **We always seek to be the *center of attention*.**
4. **We're *vain* about our *physical* appearance.**
5. **We don't *like* associating with *ordinary* people.**
6. **We *regularly* find ways to *name-drop*.**
7. **We're not usually *teachable*.**
8. **We seldom *listen* to others' *advice*.**
9. **We're too *important* to do the *mundane*.**
10. **We're *critical* of those who do *better* than us.**
11. **We *like* to *control* others.**
12. **We get *angry* if things go *against* us.**

Why Is This The Danger Zone?

1. **It *steals* encouragement *from* us.**

Proverbs 13:10 Where there is strife, there is pride, but wisdom is found in those who take advice.
Psalm 75:4 To the arrogant I say, 'Boast no more, and to the wicked, 'Do not lift up your horns.

2. It *negatively* affects *relationships*.

Rom 11:18 do not consider yourself to be superior to those other branches. If you do, consider this: You do not support the root, but the root supports you. 19 You will say then, "Branches were broken off so that I could be grafted in." 20 Granted. But they were broken off because of unbelief, and you stand by faith. Do not be arrogant, but tremble.

3. **Pride tends to *offer* much but leaves us *empty*.**

Jeremiah 9:23 This is what the Lord says: "Let not the wise boast of their wisdom or the strong boast of their strength or the rich boast of their riches, 24 but let the one who boasts boast about this: that they have the understanding to know me, that I am the Lord, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight," declares the Lord.

4. **We *don't* have to live with God *against* us.**

Prov 15:25 The Lord tears down the house of the proud, but he sets the widow's boundary stones in place. 26 The Lord detests the thoughts of the wicked, but gracious words are pure in his sight. 27 The greedy bring ruin to their households, but the one who hates bribes will live. 28 The heart of the righteous weighs its answers, but the mouth of the wicked gushes evil. 29 The Lord is far from the wicked, but he hears the prayer of the righteous. 30 Light in a messenger's eyes brings joy to the heart, and good news gives health to the bones. 31 Whoever heeds life-giving correction will be at home among the wise. 32 Those who disregard discipline despise themselves, but the one who heeds correction gains understanding. 33 Wisdom's instruction is to fear the Lord, and humility comes before honor. Prov 18:10 The name of the Lord is a fortified tower; the righteous run to it and are safe. 11 The wealth of the rich is their fortified city; they imagine it a wall too high to scale. 12 Before a downfall the heart is haughty James 4:6 "God opposes the proud . . .