

# THE SATANIC ATTACK OF PRIDE

*Scripture Reading:*

*1 Timothy 3:1-6*

# INTRODUCTION

Self-exaltation and high-mindedness (pride) will always and eventually conclude in ruination

Prov 16:18 - “Pride goes before destruction and a haughty spirit before a fall”

Prov 29:23 - “A man’s pride shall bring him low”

# INTRODUCTION

The strong desire for self-exaltation (pride) can appeal to believers from 3 sources:

1. The flesh
2. The world-system
3. Satan

# Pride From the Sin Nature

## ■ “vainly puffed up”

- Col 2:18 - “...vainly puffed up by the mind of his flesh...” inflated
- 6x in *I Corinthians*
  - I Cor 13:4 - “...love is not puffed up...”
  - I Cor 8:1 - “...experiential knowledge puffs up, but love builds up...”

# Pride from the World System

## ■ Boasting, vaunting

– *1 Jn 2:16* - “...boasting (pride) concerning physical life...”

■ Ex: Nebuchadnezzar - Dan 4:28-37

## ■ To be high-minded

– *1 Tim 6:17*

# Pride from Satan

## ■ His own pride

- *Ezek 28:15, 17a* “...your heart became proud ...”

## ■ His lust of pride toward mankind

- *I Tim 3:6*
  - A young believer who is placed in authority as a Christian leader
- *I Tim 6:4*
  - A believer, or professing believer, not submitting to correct doctrine in the teaching
- *II Tim 3:1-7*
  - Professing believers, unable to have a full-experiential; knowledge of the truth

# Outward Display of Pride From Any of the Three Enemies

## ■ “Proud”

– *James 4:6, 1 Pet 5:5*

- To show oneself above other, disdainful or arrogant

## ■ “Vaunts”

– *1 Cor 13:4*

- To boast or brag

# Conclusion

- All 3 spiritual enemies of the grace believer can cause a quality of high-mindedness, self-exaltation, or pride.
  - All 3 enemies are basically connected:
    - Satan caused the fall of mankind and resulting sin nature
    - Satan produced the world system in order to attempt to limit and direct the sin nature for his purposes
- The defense against the lust of pride from each enemy is different:
  - *Pride from the sin nature (Rom 6:11)*
  - *Pride from the world system (Titus 2:11-12)*
  - *Pride from Satan (Eph 6:10-17)*