

**Pride**  
**Isaiah 2:11-12**  
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Thesis: I want to show the negative and positive sides of pride.

Intro: 1. Is it always wrong to have pride in our lives?  
2. There is a pride that separates us from God and there is a pride that causes us to stand for truth.

- I. Pride can keep a person from Christ and out of heaven.
  - A. Pride can keep you from acknowledging God (**Rom 1:28a**)
    - 1. Atheists keep searching for new theories to deny God's existence.
    - 2. God is not hidden and is not a myth (**Rom 1:20**).
  - B. Pride can keep you from forgiveness of sins (**Acts 24:25**).
    - 1. Pride keeps some from admitting error. (**2 Chron 30:8**)
    - 2. Thus pride keeps sin from being forgiven.
  - C. Pride itself can be sinful (**1 Jn 2:16c**)
    - 1. Pride can be a sign of selfishness
  
- II. Pride has its positives.
  - A. Pride in being a Christian means not being ashamed of the Gospel (**Rom 1:16**).
    - 1. We can have pride in the fact that the gospel brings salvation to the lost.
    - 2. We can teach it to others who are interested, and do so with confidence.
  - B. Pride in being a Christian means standing up for truth (**Titus 1:10-11**).
    - 1. Pride as a Christian also can include defending the truth.
    - 2. Pride for the truth that saves souls causes us to encourage others to return to the truth.
  - C. Pride in being a Christian means you gladly serve the Lord. (**Rev 2:19**)
    - 1. Such works and service for the Lord are pleasing to God.
    - 2. We should be proud to serve the Lord and His Church.

III. What kind of Pride do you have?

- 1. Do you have pride that keeps you from the righteous path? (**Mt 23:37**)
- 2. Do you have pride that shows your faithfulness to God? (**Acts 5:29**)

Application & Conclusion:

- 1. What about You?
- 2. Pride isn't always sinful, but the wrong kind of pride can separate us from God.
- 3. Full Invitation