

# Bible Study Thought-Provoking Questions



The purpose of the questions is to facilitate a deeper understanding of the Bible, this Bible study topic and ourselves. The questions may be answered by each reader, or used by a Bible study group leader or church pastor. The following questions regarding self-pride should be answered or discussed after reading "Pride."

There are two types of questions: lesson and opinion. Lesson questions (preceded by a number) are provided an answer. Opinion questions (preceded by an ①) are designed to enhance learning via the determination of opinions and/or discovering how the lesson content illuminates our personal lives. As such, no answers are provided.

## Questions

1. Can you identify at least 3 consequences of pride?
- ① Ephesians 2:8-9 says, "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast."
  - Why would God base salvation on faith and not works?
  - What effect do you think it would have on pride if salvation is based upon:
    - Faith
    - Works
  - Take a moment and imagine what Heaven would be like if entrance was based upon works.
    - Would some feel as if they have earned more rewards and/or preferential treatment because they perceive their works were more important than others?
    - Would a works-based entrance foster division, envy, and self-righteousness? Explain.
    - Would the focus be more upon self (look at what I accomplished to get here) rather than Jesus?
    - Instead of worship and praise songs...can you imagine some singing "I did it my way!"
- ① Will pride exist in Heaven? Explain.
- ① Which form of pride represents your greatest challenge, and what should you do about it?

## Answers

1. Page 2: Godless self-confidence; attitude of contempt and indifference towards others; self-adulation and/or self-worship; barrier to God; inverse relationship with an ability to love others; delusional lie.