

## **Scripture: Various**

### **I. Pride: New Testament Examples**

#### **A. Wanted the Acclaim Due God (Acts 12:21-23)**

- 1. Herod didn't court the praise**
  - a) He wasn't looking to be called a god**
  - b) Atheists and others aren't calling themselves gods directly but indirectly they are**
- 2. Herod didn't correct the people**
  - a) By accepting the people's praise, praise which was due God not Herod, he condemned himself**
  - b) By accepting the role of God, those who indirectly call themselves God condemn themselves**
- 3. How to Deal With This Type of Pride (Acts 14:11, 14-15)**
  - a) Humble yourself**
  - b) Honestly proclaim Gospel and God's goodness**

#### **B. Wanted the Attention of Men (Matt. 23:2, 5-7)**

- 1. Pharisees Loved Attention**
  - a) Gave for Attention (Matt. 6:2)**
  - b. Prayed for Attention (Matt. 6:5)**
  - c. Fasted for Attention (Matt. 6:16)**
- 2. Protecting Against This Type of Pride**
  - a) Practice your righteousness in secret**
    - (1) (Matt. 6:3-4, 6, 17-18)**

#### **C. Wanted the Authority of God (Mark 7:8-9, 13)**

- 1. Pharisees Sought to Override God's Commands**
  - a) Set themselves up as the authorities on how a person could enter the Kingdom of God**
    - (1) Replaced God's commands with man's traditions**
- 2. Preventing This Type of Pride**
  - a) Submit to the authority of God's word**
    - (1) Preach the uncompromised Euangelion**
      - (a) Galatians 1:8-9**
      - (b) Matthew 5:19**
    - (2) Practice the uncompromised Ethics of Jesus**
      - (a) John 14:21**
      - (b) 1 John 5:2**

#### **D. Wanted the Applause of Man (Acts 5:1-2,8)**

- 1. Ananias and Sapphira wanted what Barnabas received**
  - a) Esteem among the congregation**
- 2. Avoiding This Type of Pride**
  - a) Give for the glory of the Lord (2 Cor. 9:12-15)**
  - b) Give with a joyful heart (2 Cor. 9:7)**