

# **KINGDOM FITNESS III: LETTING GO OF PRIDE**

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## ***The three killers***

<sup>16</sup> For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.

<sup>17</sup> And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

***1 John 2:16-17 (NKJV)***

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## ***God hates pride***

<sup>13</sup> To fear the LORD is to hate evil; I hate pride and arrogance, evil behavior and perverse speech.

***Proverbs 8:13 (NIV)***

<sup>5</sup> The LORD detests all the proud of heart. Be sure of this: They will not go unpunished.

***Proverbs 16:5 (NIV)***

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**Seven subtle symptoms**

- 1. Fault-finding.
- 2. A harsh spirit.
- 3. Superficiality.
- 4. Defensiveness.
- 5. Presumption before God.
- 6. Desperation for attention.
- 7. Neglecting others.

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**The tragic story of King Uzziah**

<sup>4</sup> And he did what was right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father Amaziah had done.  
<sup>5</sup> He sought God in the days of Zechariah, who had understanding in the visions of God; and as long as he sought the LORD, God made him prosper.  
<sup>15</sup> So his fame spread far and wide, for he was marvelously helped till he became strong.  
*2 Chronicles 26:4-5, 15b (NKJV)*

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**The tragic story of King Uzziah**

<sup>16</sup> But when he was strong his heart was lifted up, to his destruction, for he transgressed against the LORD his God by entering the temple of the LORD to burn incense on the altar of incense.  
<sup>17</sup> So Azariah the priest went in after him, and with him were eighty priests of the LORD—valiant men.  
<sup>18</sup> And they withstood King Uzziah, and said to him, "It is not for you, Uzziah, to burn incense to the LORD, but for  
*2 Chronicles 26:16-21 (NKJV)*

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the priests, the sons of Aaron, who are consecrated to burn incense. Get out of the sanctuary, for you have trespassed! You shall have no honor from the LORD God."

<sup>19</sup> Then Uzziah became furious; and he had a censer in his hand to burn incense. And while he was angry with the priests, leprosy broke out on his forehead, before the priests in the house of the LORD, beside the incense altar.

<sup>20</sup> And Azariah the chief priest and all the priests looked at  
**2 Chronicles 26:16-21 (NKJV)**

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**The tragic story of King Uzziah**

him, and there, on his forehead, he was leprous; so they thrust him out of that place. Indeed he also hurried to get out, because the LORD had struck him.

<sup>21</sup> King Uzziah was a leper until the day of his death. He dwelt in an isolated house, because he was a leper; for he was cut off from the house of the LORD. Then Jotham his son was over the king's house, judging the people of the land.

**2 Chronicles 26:16-21 (NKJV)**

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**Four areas of pride**

1. Spiritual pride: gifts, calling, authority, etc.
2. Cultural pride: language, family, school, etc.
3. Material pride: riches, possessions, appearance, etc.
4. Pride of success: qualification, title, career, etc.

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**A life of humility**

<sup>1</sup> Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, <sup>2</sup> fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.

<sup>3</sup> Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. <sup>4</sup> Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

*Philippians 2:1-11 (NKJV)*

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**A life of humility**

<sup>5</sup> Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, <sup>7</sup> but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

*Philippians 2:1-11 (NKJV)*

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**A life of humility**

<sup>9</sup> Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, <sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

*Philippians 2:1-11 (NKJV)*

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