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Standing Strong – Part 3



To stand strong we must stay humble. Pride can deceive us and cause us to live self-dependent, rather than God-dependent.

Pride is the root of every other sin. Pride declares, “I want to be God! I will choose my own way and live as I please.”

King Nebuchadnezzar’s story reveals that we can choose either humility or humiliation. One you can initiate, and the other God will initiate.

Daniel 4:4–9, 28–37

Because of pride, King Nebuchadnezzar went from being a man in _____ and _____ to being _____ and _____.

What feeds pride in our lives?

1. Allowing “prosperity and contentment” to become a sense of _____. Verse 4
 - Prosperity and contentment are not bad qualities. But they can feed pride in our lives when prosperity leads us to put our trust in our resources, and contentment leads us to complacency.

2. Taking credit for who we are and what we have, rather than giving credit to _____. Verse 25
 - If we are not aware, we can be deceived to believe that we are the source, rather than God being the source.
3. Having a _____ that we know what is best and choosing our own way.
 - Some people think that God and His ways are outdated and archaic. This is the essence of sin in a nutshell: my way instead of God’s way.

How can we guard our lives from pride?

1. _____ the King of heaven and _____ He is our source. Verse 34
2. _____ that God does everything right and all His ways are just. Verse 37
3. Walk in _____. Verse 37

If you start your day on your face before the Lord, there is nowhere to go but up. A person on their face can never fall from that position.

Answers: power, control, broken, crazy; entitlement; God; perspective; Exalt, know; Acknowledge; humility



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