

# THE SEVEN

THE PROCESS OF PRIDE

# Recap

The seven deadly sins were meant to be a spiritual diagnostic tool to understand our hidden nature

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If you externalize sin then no one (including yourself) is responsible

Western Christianity has become about sin management

We make sin whatever offends us and turn a blind eye to what we are comfortable with (culturally accepted)

Every sin takes a who and makes them a what

# Recap

So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the **futility of their thinking.** Ephesians 4:17

You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its **deceitful desires** vs 22

How do  
you know?

# The Two Faces of Pride, Wray Herbert

Pride has perplexed philosophers and theologians for centuries, and it is an especially **paradoxical emotion** in culture. We applaud rugged individualism, self-reliance and personal excellence, and indeed encourage these traits with gold stars and blue ribbons and statues. But don't you dare let it go to your head. Too much pride can easily tip the balance toward vanity and haughtiness and self-love.

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When they studied people with tendencies toward one or the other form of pride, they found that they had very different personalities. People exhibiting authentic pride were more likely to score high on extraversion, agreeableness, genuine self-esteem and conscientiousness—all adaptive, appealing traits. But those exhibiting **hubristic** pride were **narcissistic and prone to shame**. Further, they found that people who felt positive, achievement-oriented feelings of pride viewed hard work as the key to success in life, whereas hubristic people tended to view success as **predetermined**, the luck of the draw. Guess which group was more engaged in life?

Narcissism

Selfish

Pride/Proud/Prideful

Entitled

Arrogant

“Now what you want to get clear is that Pride is essentially **competitive**—is competitive by its very nature—while other vices are competitive only, so to speak, by accident. Pride gets no pleasure out of having something, **only out of having more of it than the next man**. We say that people are proud of being rich, or clever, or good-looking, but they are not. They are proud of being richer, or cleverer, or better-looking than others.” **C. S. Lewis, Mere Christianity**

# Process of Pride

## Isolates

You said in your heart, “I will ascend to the heavens; I will raise my throne above the stars of God” **Isaiah 14:13**

## Inflates

Your heart became proud on account of your beauty, and you corrupted your wisdom because of your splendour.

**Ezekiel 28:17**

## Stagnates

You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him.

When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies. **John 8:44**

# Three Types of People

Wise

Foolish

Evil

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## Wise

let the wise **listen** and add to their **learning**, and  
let the discerning get guidance— Proverbs 1:5

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## Wise

**Listen to my instruction and be wise;  
do not disregard it.** 8:33

**Do not rebuke mockers or they will hate you;  
rebuke the wise and they will love you.** 9:8

The wise in heart **accept commands**, but  
**a chattering fool comes to ruin.** 10:8

A wise son heeds **his father's instruction**, but  
**a mocker does not respond to rebukes.** 13:1

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## Wise

The wise listen, learn and grow (internalize)

Adapt themselves to the truth (transformation)

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## Fool

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge,  
but fools **despise wisdom and instruction.** 1:7

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## Fool

How long will mockers delight in mockery  
and fools hate knowledge? 1:22

Whoever conceals hatred with lying lips and  
spreads slander is a fool. 10:18

The way of fools seems right to them,  
but the wise listen to advice. 12:15

The wise fear the Lord and shun evil, but a  
fool is hotheaded and yet feels secure. 14:16

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## Fool

The fool externalizes and blames others for their actions or behaviour

They want to **adapt the truth to themselves**  
(denial and defensiveness)

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## Evil

Do not set foot on the path of the wicked  
or walk in the way of evildoers. 4:14

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## Evil

For they cannot rest until they do evil; they are robbed of sleep till they **make someone stumble.** 4:16

The way of the Lord is a refuge for the blameless, but it is the **ruin of those who do evil.** 10:29

**Deceit is in the hearts** of those who plot evil 12:20

but the **mouth** of the wicked gushes evil. 15:28

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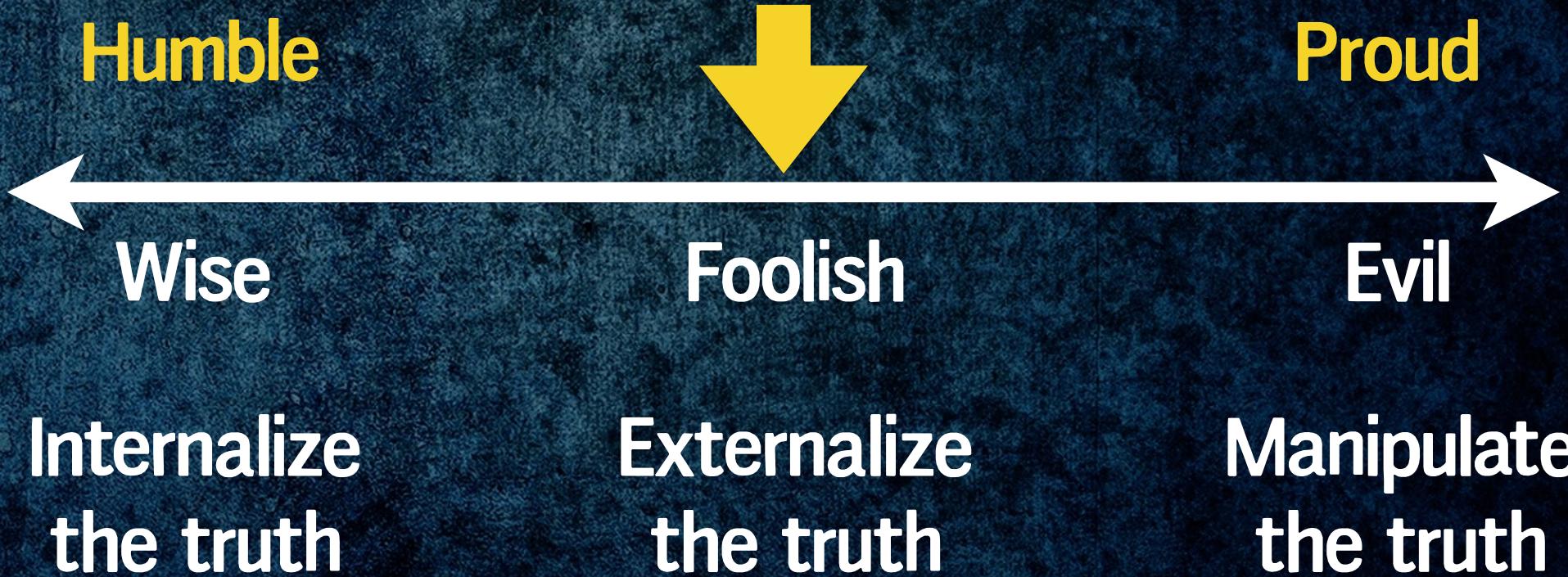
Evil

Evil have destruction in their heart

Truth is flexible

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## The Spectrum of Pride



Your ability to change is in direct proportion to your pride

**Pride** is the path of discipleship for the enemy as  
**humility** is the path of discipleship for Jesus

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross! Philippians 2:5-8