



## The Pride Trap

*Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is, his good, pleasing and perfect will. Romans 12:2*

**We all want to transform our minds but here's the deal. We don't even realize how much we have allowed our minds to be conformed. Some of the ways we conform have become so much a part of us that they just seem natural. Some are so hidden we don't even realize we are being conformed. Today we are going to look at one of the ways we have conformed ourselves that in my opinion is the most hidden, the pride trap.**

For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. **Romans 12:3**

- Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall. **Proverbs 16:18**
- A man's pride will bring him low. **Proverbs 29:23**
- The pride of your heart has deceived you. **Obadiah 1:3**
- God is able to put down those who walk in pride. **Daniel 4:37**
- God resists the proud. **1 Peter 5:5**
- The Lord detests all the proud of heart. **Proverbs 16:5**

### **The Dangers of Pride, by Jonathan Edwards**

1. Fault-Finding
2. A Harsh Spirit
3. Superficiality
4. Defensiveness

5. Presumption Before God

6. Desperation for Attention

7. Neglecting Others

**Romans 12:3-8**

**Mastermind Shift**

Most of us spend a good portion of our lives thinking like this. If I can just succeed enough so that other people around me will notice how good I am then I can feel good about myself.

I think we need to switch our thinking to something like this. *God has been gracious enough to gift me with some skills. It feels so good when he uses my gifts to make a difference in the lives of other people.*