The Pride of Life
1 John 2:15-17

Introduction:
A. All sin comes from one or more of three avenues of sin listed in verse 16.
   1. First sin involved all three (Gen. 3:6).
   2. Perhaps pride is the most insidious of the three – even poses as humility (Col. 2:18, 23).
B. The pride condemned is equivalent to arrogance, boastfulness, haughty.
   1. Not what we speak of being proud of something or someone.
   2. However, there is a thin line between the two that we need to watch.
C. We want to notice three great dangers of the pride of life.

Discussion:

I. It Hinders Vital Relationships.
A. Our relationship with God (Prov. 6:17; Jas. 4:6, 10; 1 Pet. 5:5,6; Pharisee and publican).
B. Our relationship with good people (Rom. 12:16 NKJ, NIV)
   1. A stuck up braggart turns off good people.

II. It Leads One into Sin.
A. The attitude itself is sinful (Rom. 1:30).
B. The attitude leads to other sins (Prov. 16:18)
   1. King Saul (1 Sam. 15:10-17).
   2. Peter (Matt. 26:33; Gal. 2:11-12).
   3. Simon the Sorcerer (Acts 8)

III. It Keeps One in Sin.
A. Conversion requires humility (Matt. 18:1-4).
   1. Humble enough to repent (Acts 2:37, 38; 2 Cor. 7:10).
   2. Humble enough to submit to command to be baptized.
B. Restoration requires humility.
   2. Humble enough to openly confess (1 John 1:9, Jas 5:16).
   3. Many will be lost because too proud to publicly correct public sins.

Conclusion:
A. Let’s watch our pride – make sure it does not turn into kind condemned in Scriptures.
B. Let’s be truly humble and submissive before God and man – but not a false humility.
C. Let’s make ourselves servants to God and our fellow man.