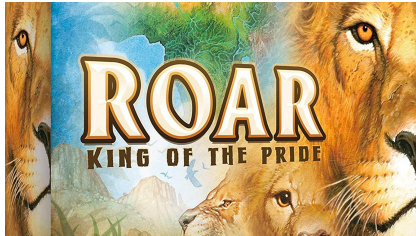




The Power of Pride

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When the Game is Just a Game



When the Game Becomes Our Life

Pride is an inordinate level of self-esteem. It is the embrace of an unreasonable concept of self-superiority.

"Pride... is the mother of all sins, and the original sin of lucifer.... An instrument strung, but preferring to play itself because it thinks it knows the tune better than the Musician."
-C.S. Lewis

"There is no fault which makes a man more unpopular, and no fault which we are more unconscious of in ourselves." - C.S. Lewis

Philippians 2:3

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit..

Galatians 5:26

Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying one another.

Romans 12:3

Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought.

'Let one of us sit on your right and one of you sit on your left in your glory.'

Pride causes us to jostle for [position](#)

Pride causes us to wrestle for [power](#)

Pride causes us to cling to our [possessions](#)

"A proud man is always looking down on things and people; and, of course, as long as you are looking down, you cannot see something that is above you."

Appearance

Possessions

Rank/Status



Unveiling the [Game Master](#) (His goal is to steal, kill, and destroy)

"It was through Pride that the Devil became the Devil." - C.S. Lewis

Isaiah 14: 12-15

*How you have fallen from heaven, morning star, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations! You said in your heart, "**I will** ascend to the heavens; **I will** raise my throne above the stars of God; **I will** sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of Mount Zaphon. **I will** ascend above the tops of the clouds; **I will** make myself like the Most High." But you are brought down to the realm of the dead, to the depths of the pit.*

Proverbs 16:5

The Lord detests all the proud of heart. Be sure of this: They will not go unpunished.

Proverbs 16:18

Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall.

Proverbs 18:12a

Before a downfall the heart is haughty

The only way to win this game is [not to play!](#)

Proverbs 18:12b

...but humility comes before honor."

Romans 12:3

*Do not think of yourselves more highly than you ought, but **rather think of yourself with sober judgment.***

Philippians 2:3-4

*Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. **Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.***

Hebrews 12:1b-2

Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.

Of Appearance: "He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him."

Of Worldly success: "He was despised and rejected by mankind." Isaiah 53:3

Of Reputation: "He shall be called a Nazarene." Matthew 2:23

Of Riches: "The Son of Man has no place to lay his head." Matthew 8:20

Of Rank: "Isn't this the carpenter's son?" Matthew 13:55

Of Kingship: Jesus washing and drying the disciples' feet. John 13:5

Philippians 2:6

Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage

Philippians 2:7

rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

Philippians 2:8

And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death - even death on a cross!

A Better Way to Live

(Virtues and tactics; how to put the game back in the box)

- [Humble](#) ourselves
- [Help](#) others
- [Honor](#) God

