

Mere Christianity
Book 3, Chapter 8
The Great Sin

Questions:

1. What is pride, and how is it expressed by both individuals and groups? What is the opposite of pride?

2. What are some of the ironies related to pride?

3. What does the Bible say about pride (Psa. 10:1-4; 40:4; Prov. 8:13; 11:2; 16:5, 18; Jas. 4:16; 1 Jn. 2:16)?

4. Is Lewis right to say that pride is the “essential vice” and the “utmost evil”? Why or why not?

5. According to Lewis, what is a good test for pride in one’s life?

6. How does our culture promote pride in its citizenry and institutions?

7. How is pride like cancer?

8. How can we deal with pride within ourselves?

9. How should Christians respond to truly proud people?

10. What can we do, what can the church do, to help people see the true evil of sins of the spirit (such as pride) as the “root cause” of all other sin?