

**FREEDOM!!!**  
**“How to be Free in Christ” – pt. 6**  
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Review:

1. Step One: renounce all past or present involvement with occult practices, cult teachings and rituals, and non-Christian religions.

2. Step Two: we need to accept God’s Word as truth in the innermost part of our being whether we feel like it or not.

3. Step Three: we need to forgive others so Satan cannot take advantage of us.

4. Step Four: we are to sincerely submit from the heart to those in authority over us.

**Step Five: we are to deal with the issue of pride vs. humility**

**Prayer:**

Dear Heavenly Father,

You have said that pride goes before destruction and an arrogant spirit before stumbling. I confess that I have been thinking mainly of myself and not of others. I have not denied myself, picked up my cross daily, and followed You. As a result, I have given ground to the devil in my life. I have sinned by believing I could be happy and successful on my own. I confess that I have placed my will before Yours, and I have centered my life around myself instead of You.

I repent of my pride and selfishness and pray that all ground gained in my members by the enemies of the Lord Jesus Christ would be canceled. I choose to rely on the Holy Spirit’s power and guidance so I will do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit. With humility of mind, I will regard others as more important than myself. And I choose to make You, Lord, the center of my life.

Please show me now all the specific ways in which I have lived my life in pride. Enable me through love to serve others and in honor to prefer others. I ask all of this in the gentle and humble name of Jesus, my Lord. Amen.

- Having a stronger desire to do my will than God’s will
- Leaning too much on my own understanding and experience rather than seeking God’s guidance through prayer and His Word
- Relying on my own strengths and abilities instead of depending upon the power of the Holy Spirit
- Being more concerned about controlling others than in developing self-control
- Being too busy doing *important* things to take time to do little things for others
- Having a tendency to think that I have no needs
- Finding it hard to admit when I am wrong
- Being more concerned about pleasing people than pleasing God
- Being concerned about getting the credit I feel I deserve
- Thinking I am more humble, spiritual, religious or devoted than others
- Being driven to obtain recognition by attaining degrees, titles or positions
- Often feeling that my needs are more important than another person’s needs
- Considering myself better than others because of my academic, artistic or athletic abilities and accomplishments
- Other ways I have thought more highly of myself than I should

For each of the above areas that has been true in my life, pray aloud:

**Lord,**

**I agree I have been proud in \_\_\_\_\_**  
(name the area). **Thank You for forgiving me for my pride. I choose to humble myself before You and others. I choose to place all my confidence in You and none in my flesh. In Jesus’ name, amen.**