

No. 38 Avoid What Erodes Loyalty (Symposium)
 -Pride

[PLEASE NOTE: This talk includes a video]

WRONG ATTITUDES CAN ERODE LOYALTY (1 min.)

One who shows loyalty lovingly *attaches* himself to another (*it-2* 280)
We must do our best to avoid attitudes that can erode our loyalty
In this symposium, we will consider how attitudes associated with
pride, improper entertainment, bad associations, and fear of man
could erode our loving attachment to Jehovah

HOW DOES PRIDE ERODE LOYALTY? (2 min.)

[Read 1 Peter 5:5; then isolate the following expressions]

"All of you"; this includes both elders and younger ones (1Pe 5:1-4;
w86 12/1 19 ¶16)

"With humility"; the footnote says *"lowliness of mind"*

Do not merely avoid haughty behavior, but cultivate a humble
attitude

"God opposes the haughty ones"; Jehovah will distance himself from,
even oppose, people with a haughty attitude

Pride weakens our attachment to Jehovah

HOW TO AVOID A PRIDEFUL ATTITUDE (3 min.)

Pride can quickly take root in our imperfect hearts, requiring that we
work constantly at developing lowliness of mind

Pray for help, and then work in harmony with your prayers

[Read 1 Peter 5:6; then isolate the following expression]

"Humble yourselves"; be proactive—*look for opportunities* to conduct
yourself *"as a lesser one"* (Lu 9:48)

Do not wait for situations that *require* humility, such as when
receiving counsel or discipline

Note in the following dramatization how a brother detects in himself a
prideful attitude and what he does to correct it

VIDEO (3 min.)

WILL YOU AVOID PRIDE? (1 min.)

As you watched the video, did you note that Brother Brown used every
opportunity to conduct himself as a lesser one?

If we do the same, we will be guarding against the loyalty-eroding
effects of pride

Brother _____ will now consider the next part of this symposium,
"Avoid What Erodes Loyalty—Improper Entertainment"

TO BE COVERED IN 10 MINUTES