

**“Your Spiritual Enemy: The Devil, Part II”  
Revelation 12:9**

Ephesians 6:11  
1 Peter 5:8  
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John 16:11  
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Matthew 25:41

How did the devil become the devil and how does that apply to the church in 2014?

“For everything, absolutely everything, above and below, visible and invisible, rank after rank after rank of angels - everything got started in him and finds its purpose in him”  
(Colossians 1:16, The Message).

Psalm 148:2  
Genesis 1:31

Isaiah 14:12-17

“How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!” (Isaiah 14:12, KJV).

Notice the five “I wills”:

1. “I will ascend to heaven” (v. 13).
2. “I will raise my throne above the stars of God” (v.13).
3. “I will sit enthroned on the Mount of Assembly” (v. 13).
4. “I will ascend above the tops of the clouds” (v. 14).
5. “I will make myself like the most High” (v. 14).

Pride and selfish ambition

Ezekiel 28:11-19

Satan’s privileges included:

1. A full measure of wisdom (v. 12).
2. Perfection in beauty (v. 12).
3. A stunning appearance (v. 13).
4. A place of special prominence as the anointed cherub that covered God’s throne (v. 14).

Ezekiel 28:15  
Ezekiel 28:16

Luke 10:18  
I Timothy 3:6

The devil became the devil because of pride. You and I are most like the devil when our hearts are controlled by pride. We are never more like Satan than when we are proud.

“He doesn’t want anyone to make a fuss over him- just to treat him as they would any other great man.”

“He’s so conceited, he has his x-rays retouched.”

“Be careful when you’re speaking about him- you’re speaking of the man he loves.”

How does pride manifest itself in the believer’s life?

1. An attitude of unthankfulness for all God has done.
2. An attitude of thinking we are better than someone else.
3. An attitude of criticism over the performance of others.
4. An attitude of ambition that quietly schemes to gain positions of power.
5. An attitude of independence from God.

Proverbs 16:18

Philippians 2:8

Isaac Watts, in 1707, wrote one of our favorite songs:

*“When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.*

*Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the death of Christ, my God! All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them through his blood.”*

Galatians 6:14