

Powerline #1: "Pride," "Money," What Makes Guys Tick?"

When the storms of life toss you about, what have you got to hold on to? Grab onto the Powerline!  
During the next half hour we've got some great music and talk about what makes guys tick... Ladies are you listening?

And some facts about Pride--as in Ego, BIG HEAD!

There's a great new band called The KRY...and 'Call His Name.' You're on the powerline with Dave and Shireen.

DAVE: Shireen, I wish our listeners could see the watch you're wearing right now. That is gorgeous.

SHIREEN: I am kind of proud of it, Dave.

DAVE: And look at the dress you're wearing! That's quite nice, too!

SHIREEN: Thank you.

DAVE: Shireen, it's plain to see that you take pride in the way you look.

SHIREEN: Somehow, Dave, I think you're setting me up for something--

DAVE: And you're absolutely right, Shireen, because pride is something I want to talk about.

SHIREEN: I knew you'd do this to me!

DAVE: I made an honest statement, Shireen. But it helps us to understand but there are two kinds of pride. One is good. The other, well, bleeehk. The kind of pride you have is good.

SHIREEN: Whew, I'm glad it's not bleeechh....

DAVE: You have a reasonable image of yourself. You know that you're worth something in the eyes of God. But there is another kind of pride which can trip us up. Why don't you look it up in the dictionary there and see what it says.

SHIREEN: ...hmmmm....practical, pretentious....uh, oh....PRIDE! Pride can also be an unreasonable opinion of people have of themselves. When someone thinks he's better than someone else that's too bad. I think we've all known people like that.

DAVE: The Bible tells us to avoid that second kind of pride in fact, there are more than 100 places in the good book where arrogant pride is put down.

SHIREEN: I think pride becomes a problem when a superior attitude causes us to break the two most basic teachings of Jesus: First, to love God with all our hearts and, second, to love our neighbors as ourself.

DAVE: The proud person can usually can't bring himself to do those things. That's why the writer of Proverbs put pride above all other evils, because that's exactly where it belongs.

Kim Hill's got a great song about pride...coming at you on Powerline!

SHIREEN: Going round and round. Music from Kim Hill on Powerline. One of the best parts of Powerline is hearing from listeners like you.

DAVE: If you'd like help with a problem or question you have on any subject, especially if you feel you've got no one else to turn to, here's how things work: simply jot down your thoughts on our website and our team of caring counselors will read it carefully and get back to you with a quick confidential reply. We'll give you the address in a minute first let's go to this week's problem letter. It starts out:

LISTENER: Dear Powerline. I come from a wealthy family. All my life I've had the best of everything. I try to be a good person but am worried about something I read in the Bible.

It says it's easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God. Does this mean that I'll never enter into heaven?

DAVE: You asked a good question. First, understand this: God loves everyone no matter how much or how little they have. Jesus had friends among the rich as well as the poor.

He chose the place where he ate his last meal and even the place where He was buried all belonged to rich people. When Jesus spoke of a camel going through the eye of the needle, He was not talking so much about riches as He was about pride.

SHIREEN: We can be smart, rich and popular with people, but it's useless unless we use our gifts in a way that helps people.

DAVE: Some scholars believe that Jesus was talking about a small gate in the city wall of Jerusalem. The gate was so small that it was called 'The Eye of the Needle.' To get through the gate, a camel had to have its pack removed and it had to kneel down and creep through the gate. This is really the perfect picture of how we must lay down all our pride when we come before God.

SHIREEN: It's good to be concerned about the proper use of your money. But riches can make us forget about what really matters in life. It's easy to become selfish.

DAVE: But the Bible tells us that the love of money is the root of all evil--not money itself. Keep that perspective and you won't go wrong!

SHIREEN: Some good advice from the Powerline counselors. And if they can help you with a problem, write to us at our website: [ThePowerline.net](http://ThePowerline.net) All one word. We'll repeat it again at the end of the show.

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DAVE: You're tapped into the Powerline with Shireen and Dave!

SHIREEN: Ok, now girls...has this ever happened to you? You're talking to some guy when an attractive girl walks by. He takes his eyes off you and glances at her. Well, actually, it's more than a glance. It's a stare. Five eternal seconds later, when the visual competition walks out of view, he finally looks at you as if nothing's happened! Girls, am I right about this? Dave, we want to know, why do guys do this? Don't they know it's rude and insensitive?

DAVE: Talk about a direct hit! You're not going to let me dodge this bullet are you?

SHIREEN: We're listening...

DAVE: Well, I'm going to share the heat with a guy named Todd Temple. He gave some good insights about us guys in an edition of Brio Magazine. First, you need to understand that sight is a big time sense with guys. Maybe it's because our great-great-great-grandfathers had to rely on their sense of sight to survive. You know, hunting sabre tooth tigers and such?

SHIREEN: Yeah, but maybe not!

DAVE: Well, what I do know is that most of us males are hypersensitive to sight. Advertisers know this too, better than anyone.

SHIREEN: Why else do you think they put a pretty girl on a Porsche...

DAVE: ...or in a picture with a set of spanners, if it isn't to attract a guy's attention. Few stop to analyze the ad. We just see a pretty girl in a picture with spanners and say, 'Cool!'

SHIREEN: OK, then now let's have the truth!

DAVE: Well, when a glance turns into a prolonged stare, we're dealing with lust—and that's never right. We're attracted to the visual. Now, that's not an excuse. It's just how guys are wired. For most guys, the connection between the eyes and the sex drive is direct and powerful.

SHIREEN: Yeah, and Dave, that's where most girls are different. We're not as easily distracted by the visuals as guys are. I guess that's why we find it hard to understand how guys go crazy over certain kinds of clothes we wear.

DAVE: So, girls, you need to know that when you wear revealing clothes, some guys are only going to think of you sexually.

SHIREEN: And if you're wanting to attract guys, lust is not a very good basis for a relationship.

DAVE: So, you're not the most stunning girl in school? So what? While looks may grab a guy's attention, they won't hold it. That's why the most attractive people get dumped just like everybody else.

SHIREEN: So, what holds a guy's attention?

DAVE: The same things that hold yours. Trust, emotional safety, encouragement. Mystery, honesty and even laughter. These are ingredients that keep relationships strong.

SHIREEN: Well, that's encouraging news! And our thanks to Brio Magazine's Todd Temple from his article "Secrets of the Male Species Revealed."