

1. Pride Identified

Haughtiness; self-sufficiency; opposed to humility, the fear of God and believing dependence:
Proverbs 16:18: *Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.*

Proverbs 29:23: *A man's pride shall bring him low: but honour shall uphold the humble in spirit.*

Daniel 4:37: *Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise and extol and honour the king of heaven, all whose works are truth, and his ways justice: and those that walk in pride he is able to abase.*

Psalm 12:3: *The LORD shall cut off all flattering lips, and the tongue that speaks proud things: 4 who have said, "With our tongue we will prevail; our lips are our own: who is lord over us?"*

Associated with boasting, lying, causing trouble, foolishness, laziness, contempt of God's words:
Psalm 31:18: *Let the lying lips be put to silence; which speak grievous things proudly and contemptuously against the righteous.*

Psalm 86:14: *O God, the proud are risen against me, and the assemblies of violent men have sought after my soul; and have not set you before them.*

Psalm 123:4: *Our soul is exceedingly filled with the scorning of those that are at ease, and with the contempt of the proud.*

Psalm 140:5: *The proud have hid a snare for me, and cords; they have spread a net by the wayside; they have set traps for me.*

Proverbs 6:16: *These six things the LORD hates: yes, seven are an abomination to him: 17 A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, 18 An heart that devises wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, 19 A false witness who speaks lies, and he that sows discord among brethren.*

Proverbs 28:25: *He that is of a proud heart stirs up strife: but he that puts his trust in the LORD shall be made fat.*

Jeremiah 43:2: *Then spoke Azariah the son of Hoshaiiah, and Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the proud men, saying unto Jeremiah, "You speak falsely: the LORD our God has not sent you to say, 'Go not into Egypt to sojourn there:'"*

A great and subtle danger for the church:

2 Chronicles 26:16: *But when he [Uzziah] was strong, his heart was lifted up to his destruction: for he transgressed against the LORD his God, and went into the temple of the LORD to burn incense upon the altar of incense.*

2 Chronicles 32:26: *Notwithstanding Hezekiah humbled himself for the pride of his heart, both he and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the wrath of the LORD came not upon them in the days of Hezekiah.*

1 Timothy 3:6: *Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the same condemnation as the devil.*

1 Timothy 6:3: *If any man teaches otherwise, and does not consent to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which accords with godliness; 4 he is proud, knowing nothing, but is obsessed with disputes and arguments over words, from which come envy, strife, reviling, evil suspicions, 5 useless wranglings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that godliness is a means of gain: from such withdraw thyself.*

1 John 2:16: *For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.*

2. God's Opposition To Pride

1 Peter 5:5: *Likewise, you younger, submit yourselves to the elder. Yes, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resists the proud, and gives grace to the humble.*

Isaiah 2:11: *The lofty looks of man shall be humbled, and the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, and the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day.*

Isaiah 2:12: *For the day of the LORD of hosts shall be upon every one that is proud and lofty, and upon every one that is lifted up; and he shall be brought low.*

Isaiah 13:11: *And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogance of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible.*

Malachi 4:1: *For, behold, the day is coming, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yes, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch.*

Luke 18:14: *... I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalts himself shall be abased; and he that humbles himself shall be exalted.*

3. Defeating Pride : The Facts We Must Understand

Proverbs 15:33: *The fear of the LORD is the instruction of wisdom; and before honour is humility.*

Proverbs 8:13: *The fear of the LORD is to hate evil: pride, and arrogance, and the evil way, and the perverse mouth, I hate.*

Proverbs 11:2: *When pride comes, then comes shame: but with the lowly is wisdom.*

Proverbs 13:10: *Only by pride comes contention: but with the well advised is wisdom.*

Proverbs 14:3: *In the mouth of the foolish is a rod of pride: but the lips of the wise shall preserve them.*

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Ephesians 5:20 *Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; 21 submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.*

Philippians 2:5ff.: *Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus ...*

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