

Pride and Humility
Proverbs 11:2, et al
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Proverbs 11:2 *When pride comes, then comes shame; but with the humble is wisdom.*

I. Pride

- What is pride?

- Elevation of self over God and others

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

- It is the motivation for the desires of our flesh and eyes
 - We sin because we want to satisfy our “self”
- Thinking that I am the center of the universe
- Thinking that “I can, I want, I get”—all for me

Jeremiah 9:23 *This is what the LORD says: "Let not the wise man boast of his wisdom or the strong man boast of his strength or the rich man boast of his riches,"*

- The proud person hates God

Proverbs 21:24 *A proud and haughty man— "Scoffer" is his name; he acts with arrogant pride.*

- Thinking that “I” am right and do not listen to other counsel

Proverbs 15:12 *A scoffer does not love one who corrects him, nor will he go to the wise.*

- Because he hates God, he will not listen to wise and godly counsel
- Does not recognize his sinful condition

Revelation 3:17 *You say, 'I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.' But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked.*

- Thinks nothing can destroy him

Obadiah 1:3 *The pride of your heart has deceived you, you who live in the clefts of the rocks and make your home on the heights, you who say to yourself, 'Who can bring me down to the ground?'*

- Whole personal demeanor of pride

Proverbs 21:4 *A haughty look, a proud heart, and the plowing of the wicked are sin.*

- It is sinful

- Examples of pride

- Haman

Esther 6:6 *When Haman entered, the king asked him, "What should be done for the man the king delights to honor?" Now Haman thought to himself, "Who is there that the king would rather honor than me?"*

- Pharaoh

Exodus 15:9 *The enemy boasted, 'I will pursue, I will overtake them. I will divide the spoils; I will gorge myself on them. I will draw my sword and my hand will destroy them.'*

- Nebuchadnezzar

Daniel 4:29-30 Twelve months later, as the king was walking on the roof of the royal palace of Babylon, **30** he said, "Is not this the great Babylon I have built as the royal residence, by my mighty power and for the glory of my majesty?"

- God hates pride

- Pride is opposed to the fear of God
- To God it is an abomination

Proverbs 16:5 *Everyone proud in heart is an abomination to the Lord; though they join forces, none will go unpunished.*

- Pride exalts self above God
- It robs God of His rightful place
- God is at war with a proud person

James 4:6 *But He gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."*

- Pride destroys relationships
 - It creates conflict between others

Proverbs 13:10 *By pride comes nothing but strife, but with the well-advised is wisdom.*

Proverbs 28:25 *He who is of a proud heart stirs up strife, but he who trusts in the Lord will be prospered.*

- Nothing but strife = continual conflict

- The shame

- Pride lifts man high; but God will bring him down low

Proverbs 29:23 *A man's pride will bring him low, but the humble in spirit will retain honor.*

- Proud people will get destroyed

Proverbs 15:25 *The Lord will destroy the house of the proud, but He will establish the boundary of the widow.*

Proverbs 16:18 *Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.*

Proverbs 18:12 *Before destruction the heart of a man is haughty, and before honor is humility.*

- Natural consequence
- God will make sure they fall down

II. Humility

- Complete opposite of pride
 - There is only one true comparison we can make ourselves before God
 - I am a bug in comparison to His perfection, worth, and majesty

Isaiah 40:22 *He sits enthroned above the circle of the earth, and its people are like grasshoppers. He stretches out the heavens like a canopy, and spreads them out like a tent to live in.*

- All man's mighty works and plans are nothing before God
- I can only come before the Lord as a spiritual beggar

Matthew 5:3 *Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

- Humility is fearing and trusting the Lord

Proverbs 28:25 *He who is of a proud heart stirs up strife, But he who trusts in the Lord will be prospered.*

Proverbs 22:4 *By humility and the fear of the Lord are riches and honor and life.*

- God honors and blesses the humble
 - He will lift up those who humble themselves before Him

Proverbs 15:33 *The fear of the Lord is the instruction of wisdom, and before honor is humility.*

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- Humility and relationships
 - Humble people will listen to advice and counsel

Proverbs 12:15 *The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but he who heeds counsel is wise.*

Proverbs 13:10 *By pride comes nothing but strife, But with the well-advised is wisdom.*

- Accepts correction
- Hears others' opinions

- Humble is wisdom
 - God hides Himself from those who are proud
 - He reveals to those who are humble—child-like

Luke 10:21 *At that time Jesus, full of joy through the Holy Spirit, said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because You have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this was Your good pleasure."*