

# Wisdom in Pride

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Quotes on pride:

~ Pride is a personal commitment. It is an attitude which separates excellence from mediocrity. ~

~ Pride will spit in pride's face. ~ Thomas Fuller

~ Show class, have pride, and display character. If you do, winning takes care of itself. ~ Paul Bryant

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William Blake

~ Women love the lie that saves their pride, but never an unflattering truth ~

Gertrude Franklin Atherton

~ Human pride is not worthwhile; there is always something lying in wait to take the wind out of it ~

Mark Twain

~ In general, pride is at the bottom of all great mistakes. ~

Ruskin, John

~ As soon as there was two there was pride ~

John Donne

Pride. A reasonable or justifiable self-respect; or improper and excessive self-esteem known as conceit or arrogance.

The apostle Paul expresses a positive kind of pride when speaking of confidence in Christians (2 Cor 7:4) or of strength in the Lord (2 Cor 12:5, 9).

However, it is the latter sinful meaning of pride which most frequently appears in the Bible, both in the OT and the NT.

The 10 Hebrew and 2 Greek words generally used for pride refer to being high or exalted in attitude, the opposite of the virtue of humility, which is so often praised and rewarded by God. One other Greek word refers to a person's being puffed up or inflated with pride or egotism.

The idea is that one gives the impression of substance but is really filled only with air (see, e.g., 1 Cor 5:2; 8:1; 13:4; Col 2:18). Pride is basically a sin of attitude and of the heart and spirit. Hence one reads, "Haughty eyes and a proud heart, the lamp of the wicked, are sin" (Prv 21:4). Ecclesiastes 7:8 speaks of "proud in ...

Pride comes before the fall...

Self Exaltation

Pride Looks Like This:

Pride of POSITION - "Do you know who I am?" "Do you know who you are talking to?" "I am overseer I am president, I am chairman, I am..." God is the I AM, not us.

Nothings of the world. The first shall be last.

Pride of PROPERTY - "I find pleasure in my stuff..." "I am so happy that I have..." "I'm

sorry that others cannot have what I have..." "I feel bad for the people who are homeless, I wish they had a bed?" (is this pride?)

Love not the world, seek first the kingdom, treasures in heaven.

Pride of PEDIGREE - Our position in our families, our heritage, our nationality. Feeling of honor or superiority because of who we might be connected to.

Not a respecter of persons, sons of Abraham?, your father the devil.

Pride of POWER - Look what one can do and wants the world to see...

God will strike down the nations.

Pride of PRIVILEGE - "I have the means and this gives me joy."

Who is like the Lord? Who can stand?

Pride of PURPOSE - "See how special I am" "See the level of impact I have"

Nothing new under the sun, do it all for the glory of God.

Pride of PLEASURE - The things I love are most important to me. "I deserve this..." "I have worked hard for this..." "I need a good time..."

Put to death the things of the flesh... Joy of the Lord is my strength.

Pride of PAIN - Martyrdom... the Pride that says, "don't you see what I am doing, don't you know how hard it is for me, don't you understand how tough it is for me...?"

Fill up what is lacking in the suffering of Christ. Rejoice in trials. You will suffer.

Pride of POVERTY - "I am so glad that God took my money that I might not be materialistic like the "PROPERTY" guys. "Look at my strength with nothing."  
- God can take your nothing away and give you less.

Give it all... what is the greatest sacrifice? Jesus made himself nothing.

Pride of PROGRESS - "I will, I won't, I want, I , I , I!"

If the Lord wills, for his glory, die to one's self and selfish ambition.

Pride of PIETY - See the level of holiness I have obtained. "Why can't people see what I see?" "Why do so and so do this?" "Why can't others..."

No one is righteous not one. Remove the log. Be holy. All have sinned. "I have only done what is my duty."

"Easy view: "I am better than you."

Not so easy view: "You bother me..."

Easy View: "I deserve better..."

Not so easy view: "I don't deserve this..."

Easy View: "

Not so easy: "I am not going to allow..."

Proverbs 8:13 (ESV)

13 The fear of the LORD is hatred of evil. Pride and arrogance and the way of evil and perverted speech I hate.

GOD HATES PRIDE. It is in direct opposition to Him and His glory so His glory will be exalted in the destruction of pride.

Pride is the opposite of HUMILITY - Knowing one's place, understanding the reality of one's significance, placing one's self under the order of another, not exercising the authority one holds.

Proverbs 11:2 (ESV)

2 When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with the humble is wisdom.

Pride always brings DISGRACE. The excellent way of Godly wisdom overcomes pride by rightly measuring one by His creator's holiness.

Proverbs 21:24 (ESV)

24 "Scoffer" is the name of the arrogant, haughty man who acts with arrogant pride.

Pride laughs at humility and considers one to be a fool.

Proverbs 29:23 (ESV)

23 One's pride will bring him low, but he who is lowly in spirit will obtain honor.

Pride lowers a man to nothing, but the nothing will receive honor that is not due him. Grace.

**Proverbs 16:18-19 (ESV)**

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

**19 It is better to be of a lowly spirit with the poor than to divide the spoil with the proud.**

Pride is the MOTHER of destruction.

Destruction is ETERNAL

Pride is the ATTITUDE of Rightness and Worthiness

This ATTITUDE is death.

Be LOW in the mind's eye of one's self.

Pride is the mind's eye of the thief who thinks he got away. (divide the spoil)

Pride in the heart of man is what gives way to destruction, it's what walks him ever so boldly to the passions of his heart and then subtly leads him to his grave. Pride delivers one to his own demise while whispering sweet affections in his ear. Pride determines the path of the world's living while blindly telling them there are not dead. Pride exalts one's self above the nations of all men and settles for nothing less than ego-centric perfection.

Pride is the mother of deceit, she laughs and says "good job", she cries and says, "why me?" Pride develops a man into the driven bull that he is and determines to keep his eyes focused on the prize of a race that has no finish line. Pride begets her children and casts them away with no regard to the spreading of her disease. The plague of her approach is silent and she devours governments and families and the heart and mind of the single child without a trail of warning.

Pride leads men to power, pride leads men to anger, pride leads men to a self-reliant ideal that comes between the grace of God and His anger. God hates it, God rightly will destroy all who walk with her and lays with her and He will unite all the proud of this world in the way of destruction and make them lie down in the down of their iniquity.

Pride has much to say and no words are there, she speaks and her words are such but a noise that rings in self-proclaiming visions of grandeur. Pride is NOT a friend, she is a mortal enemy that bakes for her prey a cake laced with lye. Pride is puffed up and seems much bigger than she is, she proclaims much about herself and in her disgust of others, brings fools into her song who sing as though they are as big as she, then she pops their balloons and watches them flit to stay in the air.

Oh the proud in heart, shouldn't we rather mourn over our sin?

1 Corinthians 5:1 -2 (ESV)

1 It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that is not tolerated even among pagans, for a man has his father's wife.

2 And you are arrogant! Ought you not rather to mourn? Let him who has done this be removed from among you.

Should not our boast be LOVE through Grace?

1 Corinthians 8:1 (ESV)

1 Now concerning food offered to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." This "knowledge" puffs up, but love builds up.

1 Corinthians 13:4 (ESV)

4 Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant

Let us make war with our minds and our hearts and our hands. Let us LIVE in the power of God and put down our pride so that no boasting rests in our hearts except that of the grace of almighty God.

Ephesians 4:17 -24 (ESV)

17 Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds.

18 They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart.

19 They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity.

20 But that is not the way you learned Christ! —

21 assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus,

22 to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires,

23 and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds,

24 and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

PRIDE is futile and begs to be heard, but when she is whipped and battered, her reality comes clearly visible as a haggard waste of hot air!

James 4:6-10 (ESV)

6 But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble."

7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

8 Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

9 Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom.

10 Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

God gives grace to the humble

Be careful in this one not to say, "whew, glad I'm humble." For that my friend is a proud statement. Rather, cry out like the publican "be merciful on me a "PROUD" sinner."

It is God who shows us our pride. Worship Him that His glory might be known among all for His beautiful mercy and grace.

God opposes the proud.

This opposition is three fold:

1 - God opposes the proud through blindness. They cannot see the light of His grace.

2 - God opposes the proud through judgment. They are turned over to reprobate minds.

3 - God opposes the proud through death. They will be forever separated from His mercy - Jesus the Christ!

The mark of the humble:

Submit to God

Believing and through daily grace, walk into holiness, strive and fight for it.

Resist the Devil

Repenting of temptation, daily, not giving into our hearts and the flesh but coming to a practice of returning to Christ.

Draw near to God

Worship and adoration, a desire to be with God, near Him and away from the world.

Cleanse your Hands

The daily practice of walking in the light. Making the choices that are righteous and for His glory. In our minds, we cleanse our minds of thoughts and desires and pride.

Purify your Heart

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