

***Taking Pride in Yourself***  
**Ezekiel 28:1-19**

Main Point:

Instead of taking pride in yourself, live in humility like your King, Jesus Christ.

1. There may be reasons to take pride in yourself, but resist doing so.

2. You should resist taking pride in yourself because it leads to idolatry and destruction.

3. Instead of taking pride in yourself, live in humility like your King, Jesus Christ.

**Matthew Henry** “He had a great conceit of himself, was puffed up with an opinion of his own sufficiency, and looked with disdain upon all about him.”

**Iain Duguid** “The perfection of the initial state is magnified to hyperbolic proportions in order to underscore the calamity when it comes.”

**Proverbs 16:18** 18 *Pride goes before destruction, And a haughty spirit before a fall.* (NKJV)

**Christopher Wright** “The king of Tyre was not the first example of a massive fall from grace and privilege into judgment and destruction, and he certainly will not be the last.”

**Iain Duguid** “The king of Tyre might make great boasts of his divine status, but Jesus Christ ... is the reality to which the king of Tyre blasphemously aspired.”

**Proverbs 18:12** 12 *Before destruction the heart of a man is haughty, And before honor is humility.* (NKJV)

**1 Timothy 6:17** 17 *Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God ...* (NKJV)

**Philippians 2:3-6** 3 *Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.* 4 *Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.* 5 *Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,* (NKJV)

**Deuteronomy 8:17-18** 17 *Beware lest you say in your heart, ‘My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth.’* 18 *You shall remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth ...* (ESV)

**Reformation Heritage Study Bible** “Let us be quick to acknowledge that God sovereignly distributes gifts and abilities according to His will, and that we have nothing apart from what God has given. Whenever we find ourselves in a position of prosperity or prestige, let us resolve to humbly serve God by His grace in Christ for His glory alone.”