



Part 5 – Humble and Proud Of It Proverbs

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INTRODUCTION

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

Proverbs 11:2 “Pride leads to disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom.” (NLT)

Proverbs 18:12 “Before his downfall a man's heart is proud, but humility comes before **honor.**” (NIV)

Matthew 23:12 “For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.” (NIV)

I. WHAT ARE INDICATORS OF **NEGATIVE** PRIDE?

A. The word pride means to become **inflated** with yourself.

B. When we refuse to submit to **God's** control.

Psalms 10:4 “In his pride the wicked does not seek God; in all his thoughts there is no **room** for God.” (NIV)

C. When we lift ourselves up by **tearing** someone else down.

Luke 18:11-14 “The Pharisee stood up and prayed about himself: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men-- robbers, evildoers, adulterers-- or even like this tax collector.’ ¹² I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.’ ¹³ “But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but

beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.' ¹⁴"I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

- D. When we become **inflated** about our own strengths.

Daniel 4:29-31 "As King Nebuchadnezzar 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?" ³¹ The words were still on his lips when a voice came from heaven, "This is what is decreed for you, King Nebuchadnezzar: Your royal authority has been taken from you." (NIV)

- E. When we are unwilling to **learn** from others.

1. *Proverbs 12:1 "Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge, but one who hates correction is stupid."*
2. *Proverbs 12:1 "Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge, but he who hates reproof is like a **cow**." (MLB)*
3. *Proverbs 13:1 "Intelligent children listen to their parents; foolish children do their own thing." (MSG)*

II. THE END RESULT OF PRIDE IS DAMAGED RELATIONSHIPS.

- A. Arrogance injures our relationship with God.

1. *James 4:6 "God **resists** the proud but gives **grace** to the humble."*
2. When we are humble God shines His **favor** upon our lives.
3. *Proverbs 16:5 "Pride **disgusts** the Lord. Take my word for it --proud men shall be punished."*

- B. Pride creates and maintains **conflicts** with others.

Proverbs 13:10 "Pride leads to conflicts..."

- C. Pride always **postpones** reconciliation of broken relationships.

1. *"Temper gets us into trouble but pride **keeps** us there." (Mark Twain)*
2. *Proverbs 28:13 "A person who refuses to admit his mistakes can never be successful."*
3. *"Swallowing your pride may be distasteful, but it's **nonfattening**." (Anonymous)*

