

Pride vs. Humility

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- **Stuart Scott:** “Pride: The question is not, “Do I have it” but, “Where is it” and “How much of it do I have”
- **Forms of Pride:**
- Our Ability (our talents)
- Our Achievements
- Our Popularity (our “likes” on social media)
- Our Wealth and/or Possessions
- Our knowledge and/or Learning
- Our Spiritual experience and/or Self Righteousness

Proverbs 16:5 (CSB) Everyone with a proud heart is detestable to the LORD; be assured, they will not go unpunished.

- All who seek to exalt themselves will be corrected by God

*Isaiah 14:13-14 You said in your heart, “I will ascend to the heavens; I will raise my throne above the stars of God; I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of Mount Zaphon. **14** I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.”*

- God frequently uses OTHERS to point out **OUR** Pride

*Daniel 4:28-37 All this happened to King Nebuchadnezzar. **29** 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?” **31** Even as the words were on his lips, a voice came from heaven, “This is what is decreed for you, King Nebuchadnezzar: Your royal authority has been taken from you. **32** You will be driven away from people and will live with the wild animals; you will eat grass like the ox. **Seven times** (or 7 years) will pass by for you until you acknowledge that the Most High is sovereign over **all** kingdoms on earth and gives them to anyone he wishes.” **33** Immediately what had been said about Nebuchadnezzar was fulfilled. He was driven away from people and ate grass like the ox. His body was drenched with the dew of heaven until his hair grew like the feathers of an eagle and his nails like the claws of a bird. **34** At the end of that time, I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven, and my sanity was restored. Then I praised the Most High; I honored and glorified him who lives forever. **36** At the same time that my sanity was restored, my honor and splendor were returned to me for the glory of my kingdom. My advisers and nobles sought me out, and I was*

restored to my throne and became even greater than before. **37** Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and exalt and glorify the King of heaven, because everything he does is right and all his ways are just. And those who walk in pride he is able to humble.

1 Corinthians 4:7 For who makes you different from anyone else? What do you have that you did not receive? And if you did receive it (from God), why do you boast as though you did not?

- “**Spiritual consequences**” of Pride
- Pride will stop our spiritual growth (a spiritual standstill)
- Pride will stop us from hearing God’s voice (no communication)
- When our pride blocks God’s voice, we will no longer have a **personal** relationship with Him (no communion)
- There is much to lose with pride and much to gain from humility.

2 Corinthians 12:7-10 Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. **8** Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. **9** But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. **10** That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

- God uses the weak & humble God to do His greatest works

Luke 18:10-14 “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. **11** The Pharisee was standing and praying like this about himself: ‘God, I thank you that I’m not like other people: greedy, unrighteous, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. **12** I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of everything I get.’ **13** “But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even raise his eyes to heaven but kept striking his chest and saying, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner!’ **14** I tell you, this one went down to his house justified rather than the other, because everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

Proverbs 18:12 (The Living Bible) Pride ends in destruction; humility ends in honor.

Psalms 139:23-24 Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. **24** See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting

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