



#5 "Be Humble"

Proverbs 1:1-4 (NLT) These are the proverbs of Solomon, David's son, king of Israel. Their purpose is to teach people wisdom and discipline, to help them understand the insights of the wise. Their purpose is to teach people to live disciplined and successful lives, to help them do what is right, just, and fair.

1. Pride _____.

7 reasons you don't want pride in your life:

- Pride is something God hates.

Proverbs 6:16-17a (TEV) There are seven things that the LORD hates and cannot tolerate: A proud look...

- Pride prevents us from receiving God's grace to change and grow.

James 4:6b (NIV) ...God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.

- Pride keeps us from admitting our sins, problems, and needs.

Proverbs 26:12 (NLT) There is more hope for fools than for people who think they are wise.

- Pride sets us up for a fall.

Proverbs 16:18 (NLT) Pride goes before destruction, and haughtiness before a fall.

Proverbs 16:18 (Message) First pride, then the crash – the bigger the ego, the harder the fall.

- Pride ruins relationships.

Proverbs 13:10a (NLT) Pride leads to conflict...

Proverbs 18:6 (NLT) Fools' words get them into constant quarrels; they are asking for a beating.

Proverbs 28:25 (NLT) Greed causes fighting; trusting the LORD leads to prosperity.

- Pride makes us blind to self and judgmental of others.

Proverbs 21:24 (TPT) An arrogant man is inflated with pride - nothing but a snooty scoffer in love with his own opinion. Mr. Mocker is his name!

- Pride can keep us out of heaven.

Proverbs 16:5 (TLB) Pride disgusts the Lord. Take my word for it - proud men shall be punished.

2. Pride _____ itself.

We must start looking for destructive pride in the way we:

- ➔ Talk - your words reveal your heart.
- ➔ Think - how you think about self/others.
- ➔ Live - how you act.
- ➔ Interact - how you relate to people.

Humility check:

- I emphasize or exaggerate my title, occupation, positions, or connections when presenting myself to others.
- Having the best, latest, and greatest is very important to me.
- I seek attention and admiration, perhaps at the expense of others.
- I am easily angered or offended.
- I have a hard time admitting when I am wrong.
- I am never wrong!
- Apologizing to others is difficult or impossible.
- Being a part of the "in" crowd is something I strive for often.
- I judge people before I really know them.
- There should be more people in the world like me.
- Based on my answers above, I am highly impressed with my humility!

3. Humility is _____.

Proverbs 16:18 (KJV) Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.

James 4:6b (NIV) ...God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.

1 Peter 5:6 (NLT) So humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and at the right time he will lift you up in honor.

- ➔ Admit your needs.
- ➔ Be teachable.
- ➔ Surrender your will to God.
- ➔ Be grateful.
- ➔ Serve others.
- ➔ Receive and rest in God's love.