

The Problem with Pride

Proverbs

7 Things God Hates

These six things the LORD hates, Yes, seven are an abomination to Him: A proud look, A lying tongue, Hands that shed innocent blood, A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that are swift in running to evil, A false witness who speaks lies, And one who sows discord among brethren. Proverbs 6:16-19

5 Things Pride Produces:

1. Pride Produces Dishonor

When pride comes, then comes shame; But with the humble is wisdom. 11:2

2. Pride Produces Disunity

*By pride comes nothing but strife, But with the well-advised is wisdom. 13:10
He who is of a proud heart stirs up strife, But he who trusts in the LORD will be prospered. 28:25*

3. Pride Produces Destruction

*Pride goes before destruction, And a haughty spirit before a fall. 16:18
The LORD will destroy the house of the proud, But He will establish the boundary of the widow. 15:25*

Before destruction the heart of a man is haughty, And before honor is humility. 18:12

4. Pride Produces Discipline

Everyone proud in heart is an abomination to the LORD; Though they join forces, none will go unpunished. 16:5

Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble." Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, 1 Peter 5:5-6

5. Pride Produces Deeper Sins

The fear of the LORD is to hate evil; Pride and arrogance and the evil way And the perverse mouth I hate. 8:13

4 Dangers of Pride:

1. Fault-Finding

And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me remove the speck from your eye'; and look, a plank is in your own eye? Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye. Matthew 7:3-5

2. A Harsh Spirit

"Judge not, that you be not judged. 2 For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you. Matthew 7:1-2

3. A Superficial Heart

Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which indeed appear beautiful outwardly, but inside are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness. Even so you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness. Matthew 23:27-28

4. Defensiveness

He who covers his sins will not prosper, But whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy. Proverbs 28:13