

# What does Proverbs teach about Pride?

In order to follow the wise teaching in the book of Proverbs we must be serious in dealing with our pride.

- Pride is a serious issue in our lives.
  - God hates pride
  - Pride leads to our own downfall.

- Proverbs describes several words and attitudes associated with pride.
  - Proverbs 21:24 “Proud,” “Haughty,” “Scoffer,” are his names, who acts with insolent pride.
- Proud
  - Proverbs 26:12 Do you see a man wise in his own eyes? There is more hope for a fool than for him.
  - Proverbs 29:23 A man’s pride will bring him low, But a humble spirit will obtain honor.

- Proper Self-concept is based on my worth to God.
  - I am worth something only because I am worth something to God.
  - In appreciation to Him I do my very best in everything I do.
  - I give Him all the glory.

- Pride is independence.
  - We think, “I deserve to be treated a certain way and I will demand it.”
  - I do what I do so that others will think the very best about me.
  - I deserve credit for what I have accomplished.

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- Haughty

- Proverbs 6:17 Haughty eyes, a lying tongue, And hands that shed innocent blood,
- Proverbs 21:4 Haughty eyes and a proud heart, The lamp of the wicked, is sin.

- Scoffer

- Proverbs 14:6 A scoffer seeks wisdom in vain, but knowledge is easy for a man of understanding.
- Proverbs 13:1 A wise son hears his father's instruction, but a scoffer does not listen to rebuke.
- Proverbs 15:5 A fool rejects his father's discipline, But he who regards reproof is sensible.
- Proverbs 15:12 A scoffer does not love one who reproves him, He will not go to the wise.



- Scoffer

- Proverbs 11:2 When pride comes, then comes dishonor, But with the humble is wisdom.
- Proverbs 12:15 The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, But a wise man is he who listens to counsel.
- Proverbs 10:17 Whoever heeds instruction is on the path to life, but he who rejects reproof leads others astray.

- Insolent (arrogant) Pride

- Psalm 101:5 Whoever secretly slanders his neighbor, him I will destroy; No one who has a haughty look and an arrogant heart will I endure.
- Proverbs 13:10 Through insolence comes nothing but strife, But wisdom is with those who receive counsel.
- Proverbs 16:5 Everyone who is proud in heart is an abomination to the LORD; Assuredly, he will not be unpunished.

- Warren Wiersbe: “God made us, and God is able to empower us to do whatever He calls us to do. Denying that we can accomplish God’s work is not humility; it is the worst kind of pride.”

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- -Confess the sinful temptation we have followed. (die to sin)
- -Confess pride as a root cause behind this sin. (die to self)
- -Claim victory through the power of the Holy Spirit's control of our lives.
- -God's solution to pride is our humility and dependence upon Him.