



Proverbs 16:18 (NIV) *Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall.*

You said in your heart, "I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God; I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of the sacred mountain. I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High." (Isaiah 14:13-14)

The LORD detests all the proud of heart. Be sure of this: They will not go unpunished. (Proverbs 16:5)

God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble. (1 Peter 5:5)

Three Kinds of Destructive Pride

1. "I Am _____ Than You" Pride.

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. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get." 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." (Luke 18:11-13)

2. "I Can _____ It Myself" Pride.

"There was a man who had two sons. The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.'" (Luke 15:11-12)

"When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired men have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired men.'" (Luke 15:17-19)

3. "It Doesn't _____ to Me" Pride.

Then Nathan said to David, "You are the man!" (2 Samuel 12:7)

I saw the Lord seated on the throne high and exalted and the train of his robe filled the temple. (Isaiah 6:1)

"Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty." (Isaiah 6:5)

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Want to Go Deeper?

- Memorize Proverbs 16:18.
- Which type of pride affects you most?
- How is God humbling you?
- If you are ready to accept God's invitation to a new life, let us know and we will help you with next steps.
- Read *Humility* by Andrew Murray.

Please let us know the commitments you are making to God by using the Communication Card. We will pray for you.

Next week...Trapped! Part 5: Spiritual Drift