

Doctrine of Pride

- 1A** A description of the proud man: Proverbs 30:11-14, “11 There is a kind of man who curses his father And does not bless his mother. 12 There is a kind who is pure in his own eyes, Yet is not washed from his filthiness. 13 There is a kind—oh how lofty are his eyes! And his eyelids are raised in arrogance. 14 There is a kind of man whose teeth are like swords And his jaw teeth like knives, To devour the afflicted from the earth And the needy from among men.”
- 2A** Characteristics of pride:
- 1B** Self-deceit: James 3:14, “14 But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your heart, do not be arrogant and so lie against the truth.”
- 2B** Denial of God’s existence, Psalm 10:4, “4 The wicked, in the haughtiness of his countenance, does not seek Him. All his thoughts are, “There is no God.”
- 3B** Enticement of others, deceitful, enslaved, 2 Peter 2:18-19, “18 For speaking out arrogant words of vanity they entice by fleshly desires, by sensuality, those who barely escape from the ones who live in error, 19 promising them freedom while they themselves are slaves of corruption; for by what a man is overcome, by this he is enslaved.”
- 3A** A source of pride: knowledge, 1 Corinthians 8:1-3, “1 Now concerning things sacrificed to idols, we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge makes arrogant, but love edifies. 2 If anyone supposes that he knows anything, he has not yet known as he ought to know; 3 but if anyone loves God, he is known by Him.”
- 4A** God hates pride:
- 1B** Proverbs 8:13, “13 “The fear of the Lord is to hate evil; Pride and arrogance and the evil way And the perverted mouth, I hate.”
- 2B** Proverbs 16:5, “5 Everyone who is proud in heart is an abomination to the Lord; Assuredly, he will not be unpunished.”
- 5A** God is able to humble the proud, Daniel 4:37, “37 “Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise, exalt and honor the King of heaven, for all His works are true and His ways just, and He is able to humble those who walk in pride.”
- 6A** Pride is the cause of many destructive results.
- 1B** Pride is trapped by its own plots, Psalm 10:2, “2 In pride the wicked hotly pursue the afflicted; Let them be caught in the plots which they have devised.”
- 2B** Pride results in dishonor, Proverbs 11:2, “2 When pride comes, then comes dishonor, But with the humble is wisdom.”
- 3B** Pride results in stumbling and destruction. Proverbs 16:18, “18 Pride goes before destruction, And a haughty spirit before stumbling.”
- 4B** Pride results in the loss of home, Ezekiel 7:24, “24 ‘Therefore, I will bring the worst of the nations, and they will possess their houses. I will also make the pride of the strong ones cease, and their holy places will be profaned.”
- 5B** Pride results in the destruction of the home, Proverbs 15:25, “25 The Lord will tear down the house of the proud, But He will establish the boundary of the widow.”
- 6B** Pride brings strife to those in the periphery: Proverbs 28:25, “25 An arrogant man stirs up strife, But he who trusts in the Lord will prosper.”
- 7B** Pride brings a man low:

- 1C Proverbs 29:23, “23 A man’s pride will bring him low, But a humble spirit will obtain honor.”
- 2C Isaiah 2:17-18, “17 The pride of man will be humbled And the loftiness of men will be abased; And the Lord alone will be exalted in that day, 18 But the idols will completely vanish.”
- 8B Final judgment goes hard on the proud, Isaiah 2:12-18, “12 For the Lord of hosts will have a day of reckoning Against everyone who is proud and lofty And against everyone who is lifted up, That he may be abased. 13 And it will be against all the cedars of Lebanon that are lofty and lifted up, Against all the oaks of Bashan, 14 Against all the lofty mountains, Against all the hills that are lifted up, 15 Against every high tower, Against every fortified wall, 16 Against all the ships of Tarshish And against all the beautiful craft. 17 The pride of man will be humbled And the loftiness of men will be abased; And the Lord alone will be exalted in that day, 18 But the idols will completely vanish.”
- 9B God does not endure the proud, Psalm 101:5, “5 Whoever secretly slanders his neighbor, him I will destroy; No one who has a haughty look and an arrogant heart will I endure.”
- 10B Rebuke, Psalm 119:21, “21 You rebuke the arrogant, the cursed, Who wander from Your commandments.”
- 11B Those who put their eyes on the proud are always close to stumbling, Psalm 73:1-9, “1 Surely God is good to Israel, To those who are pure in heart! 2 But as for me, my feet came close to stumbling, My steps had almost slipped. 3 For I was envious of the arrogant As I saw the prosperity of the wicked. 4 For there are no pains in their death, And their body is fat. 5 They are not in trouble as other men, Nor are they plagued like mankind. 6 Therefore pride is their necklace; The garment of violence covers them. 7 Their eye bulges from fatness; The imaginations of their heart run riot. 8 They mock and wickedly speak of oppression; They speak from on high. 9 They have set their mouth against the heavens, And their tongue parades through the earth.”
- 12B The plans of a proud man are a disaster, James 4:13-17, “13 Come now, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, and spend a year there and engage in business and make a profit.” 14 Yet you do not know what your life will be like tomorrow. You are just a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away. 15 Instead, you ought to say, “If the Lord wills, we will live and also do this or that.” 16 But as it is, you boast in your arrogance; all such boasting is evil. 17 Therefore, to one who knows the right thing to do and does not do it, to him it is sin.”
- 7A The basis for pride will pass away, 1 John 2:16-17, “16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. 17 The world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever.”
- 8A The opposite of pride is humility and trust, Psalm 131:1-3, “1 O Lord, my heart is not proud, nor my eyes haughty; Nor do I involve myself in great matters, Or in things too difficult for me. 2 Surely I have composed and quieted my soul; Like a weaned child rests against his mother, My soul is like a weaned child within me. 3 O Israel, hope in the Lord From this time forth and forever.”
- 9A The advantages of humility:

- 1B God gives grace to the humble, 1 Peter 5:5, “5 You younger men, likewise, be subject to your elders; and all of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, for God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble.”
- 2B The law of superior association, Proverbs 16:19, “19 It is better to be humble in spirit with the lowly Than to divide the spoil with the proud.”
- 3B The law of superior outcomes, Ecclesiastes 7:8, “8 The end of a matter is better than its beginning; Patience of spirit is better than haughtiness of spirit.”
- 4B Prosperity, Proverbs 28:25, “25 An arrogant man stirs up strife, But he who trusts in the Lord will prosper.”
- 5B Humility allays the wrath of the Lord, 2 Chronicles 32:26, “26 However, Hezekiah humbled the pride of his heart, both he and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the wrath of the Lord did not come on them in the days of Hezekiah.”
- 6B Humility brings honor, Proverbs 18:12, “12 Before destruction the heart of man is haughty, But humility goes before honor.”