



The Pride Ride

Proverbs 11:2 (NIV)

When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom.

The Pride Test::

1. Do worship and ministry play second fiddle to your career, hobbies, and interests?
2. Does it irritate you when somebody corrects you for your faults?
3. Does it bother you when others around you succeed?
4. Do you find it difficult to admit when you are wrong?
5. Are you constantly putting yourself down?

I. Understanding the Dangers of the Pride Ride

Proverbs 16:18–19 (ESV)

Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall. ¹⁹ It is better to be of a lowly spirit with the poor than to divide the spoil with the proud.

I. Pride leads to destruction.

- Refusing to take correction = destruction

- Living in opposition to God = destruction

2. Pride angers God.

Proverbs 6:16-19 (NIV)

There are six things the Lord hates, seven that are detestable to him: ¹⁷ haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, ¹⁸ a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are quick to rush into evil, ¹⁹ a false witness who pours out lies and a person who stirs up conflict in the community.

3. Pride distances you from God. (Psalm 138:6)

4. Pride distances you from others.

Proverbs 13:10 (NIV)

Where there is strife, there is pride, but wisdom is found in those who take advice.

- Pride only breeds quarrels, but wisdom is found in those who take advice.
- Pride either started the problem or kept the problem from being solved.

II. Getting off the Pride Ride

1. Realize the secret!

Proverbs 29:23 (NLT)

Pride ends in humiliation, while humility brings honor.

2. Value Christ-esteem over self-esteem! (Philippians 2:5-10)

3. Let others correct you.

4. Let others commend you.

Proverbs 27:2 (NIV)

Let someone else praise you, and not your own mouth; an outsider, and not your own lips.