

A MAN'S PRIDE WILL BRING HIM LOW

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Pride is the root of every sin and evil... [Andrew Murray]



*Pride is the **epidemic** vice. It is everywhere and manifests itself in many ways. As much as we may hate to admit it, we all have pride, each and every one of us. The question is not, **Do I have it?** but **Where is it?**, and **How much of it do I have?*** [Stuart Scott]



Pride is a spiritual drunkenness; it flies up like wine into the brain and intoxicates it. It is idolatry; a proud man is a self-worshiper.
[Thomas Watson]



For pride is spiritual cancer: It eats up the very possibility of love, contentment, or even common sense. [C. S. Lewis]



The world's smallest package is a man wrapped up in himself.
[Charles Swindoll]

I. PRIDE IS EASILY DETECTED IN OUR LIVES.

6 Facts about a Proud Man:

A. A proud man *makes others look unimportant*. V. 10
Who is David?

B. A proud man is *unconcerned* about others [selfish].
V. 11

C. A proud man is rude and *unkind*. V. 14 [*scorned*]

To scorn is to shout at; address angrily; to attack with screams.

Proverbs 21:24 – ***Proud, Haughty, Scoffer***, are his names, who acts with insolent pride.

Proverbs 17:12 – *Let a man meet a bear robbed of her cubs, rather than a fool in his folly.*

D. A proud man is *ungrateful*.

E. A proud man is *unwise*. Proverbs 10:21b – *fools die for lack of understanding.*

F. A proud man is *unapproachable & unteachable*. V. 17
[Proverbs 1:7; 12:15; 18:2; 23:9]

MANIFESTATIONS OF PRIDE IN OUR LIVES

- * A lack of gratitude in general
- * Seeing yourself as better than others
- * Having an inflated view of your importance, gifts and abilities
- * Being unteachable
- * Being sarcastic, hurtful, or degrading
- * A lack of service
- * A lack of compassion
- * Being impatient or irritable with others
- * Using others

II. PRIDE YIELDS UNDESIRABLE RESULTS IN OUR LIVES.

An immediate and ongoing result: Strife & contention in relationships. [V. 13, 37-39]

Proverbs 15:1 *A gentle answer...but a harsh word stirs up anger.*
[cross ref: 1 Samuel 25!]

Proverbs 13:10 *Only by PRIDE cometh contention...* (KJV)
Wherever there is strife, PRIDE is involved!

An end result: *Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before stumbling.* [Proverbs 16:18]

III. PRIDE MUST BE DEALT WITH IN OUR LIVES.

A. Accept Rebuke. 1 Samuel 25:32-35 Proverbs on Pride:

6:17

8:13

11:2

15:25

16:5

16:18

16:19

19:20

29:23

B.

C.