

# Pride

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"Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall", is a scripture in the Bible well worth following. There is little doubt that one of the most fundamental foes Christians face is pride. In fact scripture states that the Lord detests all the proud of heart.

Pride, once it invades our hearts, is often the beginning step in walking away from God. Pride will destroy us because it cancels the first rule of wisdom: "The fear (reverence) of the Lord." Pride is an attitude of humility and our complete dependence on God cannot exist in the same heart.

It is well worth noting that destruction carries with it a picture of the shattering of a bone. When our hearts become inflated with pride and we no longer see the need for God to be the center of our lives, all of our dreams and visions will be shattered.

A good understanding of the word haughty is to think of the woozy feelings that come with being dizzy. Life becomes blurred, steps uncertain and unsteady and eventually leads to a fall.

Forewarned is forearmed!

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