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Wisdom about Pride and Humility

How we regard ourselves determines our destiny

1. Pride spells danger

- Because of its social consequences (11:2; 13:10; 16:18)
- Because of its spiritual consequences (16:5)

2. Humility brings safety

- The only way up is down (29:23)
- The road up is called teachability (11:2; 13:10)
- The road up starts at the Cross (15:33; Philippians 2:5-11)

Proverbs 11:2 When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom.

Proverbs 13:10 Pride only breeds quarrels, but wisdom is found in those who take advice.

Proverbs 15:33 The fear of the LORD teaches a person wisdom, and humility comes before honour.

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

Proverbs 16:18 Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall.

Proverbs 29:23 Pride brings a person low, but the lowly in spirit gain honour.

2 Corinthians 7:4 I have great confidence in you; I take great pride in you. I am greatly encouraged;

Galatians 6:4 Each one should test their own actions. Then they can take pride in themselves alone, without comparing themselves to someone else.

Philippians 2: 5-11 Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death-- even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.