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Pride comes before destruction, and an arrogant spirit before a fall. International Standard Version Pride precedes destruction; an arrogant spirit appears before a fall.

MARTY shares the true story of how he moved out one of his friends and paid the ultimate price. I mean the staircase was so high, you thought you were walking up to God. I mean, really but I can hold my own. I still got some gusto in the kicker but I never expected anything like I experienced. When she showed me the room with the boxes, I kid you not, there were five stacks going across and five going up. This was that time for me. So, you know what I did? I nodded and acted like it was no problem because my manhood stood in the way. Now, the first box was a breeze and I said to myself, if all the other boxes were like this, I can manage, despite the stairs, I can pull it off, but no. There was a boxâ€¦must have been halfway through, that I reached, it weighed like a dead person. I swear to God, it was like lifting dead weight. So, I went for the others first. I was burnt out. She comes in and offers me some lemon aid and she was so excited I was on my last box that I had to at least try, right? I lifted this thing up and onto my shoulder and it actually made me gag. Felt all the blood rush to my face and everything and I could barely breathe but there she was standing at the door with this big smile on her faceâ€¦so, I just had to make it happen. I could barely stand, let alone walk, okay? It was like I was holding up the building. I take my first step and my leg just goes wooble, wooble, wooble, literally. It actually went back and forth like I was doing a dance move and she starts laughing like I was making a joke and so I went along with it, all the while dying on the inside. I fell forward, holding the box, straight down into hell. Bing, bang, boom, boom, bing, bang. That was the last thing I remember before waking up here, in the hospital.

The actual Bible verse (King James version) is "Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall." It means that the next step after being all puffed up with arrogance could be.

Michael Bradley As part of the sanctification process that God would like to start with each one of us – one of the first things that God will be doing, through the power of the Holy Spirit, is to either take out or prevent certain types of negative qualities from entering into our personalities. Without question, one of the major negative qualities that God will be moving very strongly on to either prevent it from being able to enter into us to any significant degree, or to literally knock it right out of us if it has moved too far up into our personalities, is the negative quality of pride. This cancerous, lethal, and destructive quality, probably more than any other negative quality, has brought down more kingdoms, toppled more empires, caused more wars, destroyed more marriages, ruined more friendships, and led more criminals into our jail systems than all of the other negative qualities combined and put together. The spirit of pride has to be the absolute king of all the negative and destructive qualities that can enter into our personalities – and no one is safe and immune from it. All Christians, young and old, super saint or not, have got to keep a sharp eye on this negative quality, and do everything they can not to let this spirit get a foothold and grip into their personalities and mindsets. As you will see in the one of the Scripture verses I will list below, the spirit of pride will always come right before destruction and a major fall. Even unbelieving heathens are aware of this basic truth from our Bible. But as understood and hated as this quality is by most people, many still succumb to its enticing and seductive nature, and many end up losing everything as a result of the consequences of wallowing in it for too long of a period of time. For the record, I believe there is a good kind of pride and a bad kind of pride. Many Christians, after reading what some of the verses from the Bible has to say about this toxic quality, try to remove all sense of pride from them and their lives. As a result, they end up reducing a lot of their own natural joy in the Lord. If your husband comes home and tells you he has just received a nice promotion and pay raise at work for the good job he has been doing – again, your first natural response will be to want to tell him how proud you are of him and his efforts to try and make a better life for your and your family. This is the good kind of pride. There is nothing wrong in having this good kind of pride for what your children may be able to accomplish, and for what you may accomplish in your own work for the Lord in this lifetime. I believe that God Himself wants us to have this good kind of pride for the blessings and opportunities He may bring our way in this life. If God has just blessed you with a nice new house, there is nothing wrong in being proud of that house and wanting to take good care of it. If God has blessed you with a wonderful marriage with a beautiful mate and beautiful children, there is nothing wrong in taking pride in all of them and what they may accomplish for the Lord in this life. This good kind of pride that you may have in the actual work that you are doing for the Lord and with whatever blessings He may want to pass your way in this life all help to contribute to your own personal joy in the Lord. It helps to give you a nice sense of approval, and it also helps to motivate you to want to keep pressing further on with the Lord in whatever He has called you to do for Him in this life. However, as with anything else that may start out good, there is always the danger of possible excess. What starts out as a simple and a humble type of pride can start to grow into something much more deadly if a person does not properly keep on top of it. One of the 9 fruits of the Holy Spirit is the fruit of self-control. Not only will you need to use your own self-control to help keep a proper grip and lid on this quality from getting out of control in your personality – but you will also need the self-control of the Holy Spirit Himself to help you keep proper control of it, especially for those who are called by God to move into any type of leadership roles within His Body. In the verses I will list below, you will see two key words being repeated several times. What gets some Christians into major trouble with the Lord is falling and entering into the second category mentioned above. Showing great pride on oneself and disdain Contempt or scorn for others Proud, arrogant, supercilious disdain or contemptuous An arrogant spirit As you will see in the Scripture verses below, the Lord is using some very intense and strong language when describing this negative quality. Not only does God call pride an actual sin in His sight, but He goes one step further and calls it an actual abomination! We are to

avoid it like the plague. When God puts the qualities of pride and haughtiness in this abomination category “ you know that He is giving all of us a very serious warning on this issue. In the Scripture verse below where God the Father is telling us that pride and a haughty spirit will come before destruction and a fall “ He is giving all of us major revelation. The history of our world, and what we see on a daily basis throughout the entire world, are all showing us this piece of revelation in actual operation. The history of our world is littered with the casualties that this negative and demonic quality and mindset has caused. It literally, and I mean literally, has completely toppled and destroyed kingdoms, countries, nations, alliances, companies, marriages, and good friendships. Probably the greatest fall that has ever occurred coming from this one negative quality may end up being the story of how Satan fell from heaven. The Bible only gives us partial information about this story. As you will see in the three Scripture verses I will give you below on how Satan managed to get cast out of heaven “ the quality of pride was definitely one of the main causes that led to his own personal downfall in the Lord. And to think that he was then able to get one-third of the rest of the angels to get cast out of heaven right along with him! I repeat “ one third of all the angels who were living with him in heaven were also cast out “ and they have now all permanently lost their place in heaven for all of eternity! There is no more saving grace for Satan and all of these fallen angels. And to think that all of them were born and created up in this perfect heavenly environment “ and then to throw it all away “ all because one angel thought he could literally overthrow God Almighty Himself. Not only has this got to be the height of pure arrogance and pride, but it also has to be the height of pure stupidity! As you will see in one of the Scripture verses below, Satan was one of the highest of all the angels God has ever created. He was allowed to literally walk on the mountain of God the Father Himself. He thus had to know how awesome and how powerful God the Father really is and that there was no way that anyone could ever begin to try and overthrow Him. If God is all-powerful and there are no other Gods in existence, then anyone with half a brain can deduce that God cannot be defeated or overthrown. But Satan obviously was blinded by something else from being able to see this simple and logical truth “ and that something else was probably the spirit of pride and arrogance that he had operating in him by the time he started to reach this point of no return. I believe this is why God is telling us in this particular verse that the spirit of pride will come right before the fall “ as pride is what will start to blind you as to what the real truth of a matter is. A perfect example of this in our present day and age has to be the fall of Saddam Hussein in Iraq. All this man had to do was to let the UN inspectors complete their investigation into his country for weapons of mass destruction that were never found “ and he could have easily retained full control of his built up, corrupt empire. But his pride got in the way. He had to show our country and the rest of the world that he could stand up and defy the strongest military might in the world. As a result of letting his pride get in the way and cloud his better judgment on giving into the UN inspectors, he literally lost his entire kingdom in just a matter of a few days! He literally went from living in the most lavish and expensive living quarters that anyone could possibly live in to being found at the bottom of a hole in the ground all disheveled and unkempt. We are talking about someone falling from the highest peak of a mountain as king and ruler of an entire country to the lowest depths that anyone can possibly fall to in this life “ behind the bars of a jail losing all of his freedom, all of his wealth, and all of his contact with his family and friends. You have all heard many preachers talk about Joseph going from the pit to the palace. Saddam Hussein managed to do just the opposite. In a matter of just a few days, he literally went from the palace to the pit, and now will probably be executed once his trial has been completed. Saddam Hussein, Adolph Hitler, Joseph Stalin and all the rest of the despotic and evil dictators who have ever ruled on this earth will all go down as major history lessons for all of us showing us what pride, arrogance, and a haughty spirit can do to a person and his life. And then for many of them, they will end up being cast into the most horrible place imaginable when they die and cross over “ hell itself, and then eventually into the Lake of Fire and Brimstone after the Millennium has taken place, where the Bible says that the smoke of their torment will ascend forever and ever. Once a cancer has spread too far into a human body where medical treatment can no longer stop it, the infected person will die shortly thereafter. It is the exact same way with the spirit of pride. From there, it will start to seep into their emotions, actions, and behaviors. And once this negative quality starts to manifest into their actions and behaviors, then their judgment will start to cloud. And once their sense

of proper judgment starts to cloud up, they will no longer be able to separate truth from error. They eventually end up becoming their own little god, thinking they have all of the answers to everything and that the entire world revolves around them and what they are trying to achieve and accomplish. They are no longer willing to be accountable to anyone else in their life, including God Himself. They have forgotten and forsaken all of their true friends in this life. They are now totally self-sufficient and they think they can literally conquer the world through their own efforts and wisdom. And then sooner or later it happens – they fall – and they end up losing everything they have managed to build up over all of those years due to their own stupidity and imperfections. With any type of position of leadership comes power and authority, and with power and authority comes the possibility of pride and corruption. Many people end up becoming criminals in this life as a result of too much of the wrong kind of pride operating in their personalities. Their pompous, arrogant, conceited, know-it-all attitudes convince them that they are smart enough to be able to get away with breaking any law they see fit just to satisfy their own lusts and desires – even if it means committing cold-blooded murder. Their inflated sense of pride and ego tells them they are too smart to get caught by the law, and then again, it happens. They are caught as a result of their own stupidity and imperfections, and many of them end up never seeing the light of day for the rest of their earthly lives. And all of this was as a direct result of the spirit of pride and arrogance they had operating in their mindsets and how they thought about things. This is why the Bible tells us that we have to be transformed by the renewing of our minds. We have to learn how to develop right thinking in our thought process. As a result of some of these people never learning what to think right about in this life, many of them have either died before their time may have really been up, or they have ended up spending a good portion of their adult lives behind bars in an eight-by-six foot cell. For many, it will mean an early departure from this life. For others, it could mean a certain amount of time behind bars, the destruction and dissolution of their marriages, or possibly losing their jobs and the good pay they were making. As a Christian, do not ever tempt your fate with God the Father with what He is personally doing with you and your life. Stay humble and accountable in your walk with the Lord. I have personally seen the Lord body slam several people to the mat when they got too far away from Him and started to get too big for their britches as a result of too much pride starting to seep up into their personalities. God has His ways of humbling and chastening you, and He will not be putting up with any of His own getting too far away from Him – especially in the area of pride, arrogance and haughtiness. He has already lost a third of His angelic host to this deadly quality, and He will do everything He possibly can not to lose any more of His children to this deadly sin and abomination. Pride is a Sin and an Abomination These first two verses perfectly set the stage for all of us as far as what God the Father really thinks of this negative spirit and quality that could infect anyone of us at anytime. God is specifically telling us in these two verses that anyone who has become too proud in his own heart is committing a sin and an abomination in His sight! Burn these two verses into your memory banks, and make sure you never, ever let this deadly spirit get a foothold into your mind and heart. Not only is the spirit of pride a definite sin in His eyes, but He is now taking it one step further and calling it an actual abomination in His sight. God has now drawn a major battle line in the sand on this one particular negative quality with the way He has worded these two verses. And He is letting all of us know, loud and clear, that He will not want any of us to have any part of this destructive spirit that will not only destroy our personal lives down here on this earth, but will also destroy and sever the personal relationship that we can have with Him. What this means is that your personal relationship with the Lord can be severely effected and possibly severed if you do not start to see the errors of your ways with this deadly quality. God will start to pull away from you in your own personal relationship with Him if you do not start to get yourself straightened out with Him on this issue of becoming too proud in your own heart. If you have fallen into any kind of serious pride with the Lord, you still have some time to see the errors of your way and get back into right standing with the Lord. God will be willing to fully forgive you if you are willing to see that too much pride has entered into your mind and heart, and then be willing to confess and repent before Him from this deadly sin. Humble yourself and get this sin confessed, forgiven, and removed from your soul before God is forced to take some kind of corrective action with you. He will only give you a certain amount of rope to run with before He pulls you in and takes the appropriate corrective actions to literally, and I mean literally, knock this

deadly sin and abomination right out of your soul and spirit. Here is the verse giving us this solemn warning: This particular verse is giving all of us a major warning and should be taken very, very seriously.

Chapter 3 : Pride goes Before a Fall, Proverb Stories, Tenses, English Grammar

When people say pride comes before a fall, they mean that if people are too proud or confident, they are likely to fail eventually. I know that pride comes before a fall but I think that there are a few times in a man's life when he must stand up and be counted.

Pulpit Commentary Verse A maxim continually enforced see Proverbs Here is the contrast to the blessing on humility promised Proverbs A haughty spirit - a lifting up of spirit - goeth before a fall comp. Thus, according to Herodotus 7: And seest thou how he hurls his bolts always against the mightiest buildings and the loftiest trees? For God is wont to cut short whatever is too highly exalted" comp. Says the Latin adage, "Qui petit alta nimis, retro lapsus ponitur imis. Matthew Henry Commentary The ruler that uses his power aright, will find that to be his best security. Put those in power who know how to speak to the purpose. There is joy and satisfaction of spirit, only in getting wisdom. A sincerely religious man keeps at a distance from every appearance of evil. Happy is the man that walks in Christ, and is led by the Spirit of Christ. Let us not fear the pride of others, but fear pride in ourselves. Humility, though it exposes to contempt in the world, is much better than high-spiritedness, which makes God an enemy. The man whose wisdom dwells in his heart, will be found more truly prudent than many who possess shining talents. As waters to a thirsty land, so is a wise man to his friends and neighbours. The word of God cures the diseases that weaken our souls. This is caution to all, to take heed of deceiving themselves as to their souls. We must labour for the meat which endureth to everlasting life, or we must perish.

Chapter 4 : Pride Comes Before the Fall by Jannet Doe

Pride goeth before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall. see also, James (KJV): But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. and, 1 Peter (KJV): Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be.

You feel pride before you jump off a cliff. Those who are haughty and prideful are puffed up over something about themselves or their accomplishments. Eventually, something will bring them down. Some fault or evil will be exposed and their pridefulness will become bitter. It may be about to happen to leadership in Pakistan. No one is perfect besides Jesus: It is interesting that a proverbs quotation has turned into what it has, and it has because of popular interpretations of what is meant by "Pride goeth before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall. This is as it should be since there is nothing to be proud of when facing destruction. That a "haughty spirit" comes before a fall is also self evident. Weaker spirits rarely rise high enough to risk falling. Pride has been unfairly attacked as an unseemly character trait. People suggest that we should forget pride and seek out humility. If you are living life, I assure you, humility will seek you out and there need be no rush to meet it. Humility will find you with or without your guidance. Pride, on the other hand is not so easily found. Pride is recognition of accomplishment. OR I disagree completely with the previous answer. In the bible and especially in proverbs, the whole objective is to guide people to live lives that reflect values that benefit humanity as a whole. Pride in this sense is not satisfaction based on accomplishment. The pride in this verse is the type of arrogance. The pride of men that makes them think they are better than their fellow human beings, the pride that causes men to think they do not have to follow rules, respect others, themselves or God. Pride comes before Destruction. I wish to add to the two answers. In that the first very frequently leads to the second. I have done well can become, I have done better than others, which can translate to I am better than others. My personal experience as well as my observation of others is that this progression is common human nature and when it happens, both our judgment and our ability to incorporate feedback from others are diminished. This leads to mistakes that most frequently bring us back to ground. The proverb like most proverbs provides practical advice to all those who are successful and wish to remain so. Though it does perhaps reduce the gravity of the warning. This later interpretation of the proverb has recently been supported objectively through the work of Jim Collins, as he explains in his book, "How the Mighty Fall. There are four stages, beginning with the "hubris of success lack of humility ," followed by "undisciplined pursuit of more.

Chapter 5 : Pride Comes Before A Fall - Monologue Blogger

The saying that "pride will come before the fall" is an universal truth understood by everyone. But as understood and hated as this quality is by most people, many still succumb to its enticing and seductive nature, and many end up losing everything as a result of the consequences of wallowing in it for too long of a period of time.

Common use[edit] In ancient Greek , hubris referred to actions that shamed and humiliated the victim for the pleasure or gratification of the abuser. Two well-known cases are found in the speeches of Demosthenes , a prominent statesman and orator in ancient Greece. These two examples occurred when first Midias punched Demosthenes in the face in the theatre Against Midias , and second when in Against Conon a defendant allegedly assaulted a man and crowed over the victim. Aeschines brought this suit against Timarchus to bar him from the rights of political office and his case succeeded. Hubris is not the requital of past injuries; this is revenge. As for the pleasure in hubris, its cause is this: The concept of honour included not only the exaltation of the one receiving honour, but also the shaming of the one overcome by the act of hubris. This concept of honour is akin to a zero-sum game. Rush Rehm simplifies this definition of hubris to the contemporary concept of "insolence, contempt, and excessive violence". Claims like these were rarely left unpunished, and so Arachne , a talented young weaver, was transformed into a spider when she said that her skills exceeded those of the goddess Athena. These events were not limited to myth, and certain figures in history were considered to be have been punished for committing hubris through their arrogance. It represents a sense of false pride that makes a man defy God, sometimes to the degree that he considers himself an equal. In contrast to this, the common word for sin was hamartia , which refers to an error and reflects the complexity of the human condition. Its result is guilt rather than direct punishment as in the case of hubris [14]. Modern usage[edit] In its modern usage, hubris denotes overconfident pride combined with arrogance. The accusation of hubris often implies that suffering or punishment will follow, similar to the occasional pairing of hubris and nemesis in Greek mythology. The proverb "pride goeth goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall" from the biblical Book of Proverbs , Hubris is also referred to as "pride that blinds" because it often causes a committer of hubris to act in foolish ways that belie common sense. An example in pop culture is the comic book hero Doctor Strange , wherein highly talented and arrogant neurosurgeon Dr. Stephen Strange is involved in a vehicular accident. Unlike the Greek figures Salmoneus, Icarus and Phaethon, he survives, though his hands are severely damaged, and thus his career as a neurosurgeon are shattered. After western medicine fails to help him, he seeks healing in the mystic arts, and though he never fully recovers, he becomes a powerful sorcerer. A historical example of hubris was furnished by General George Armstrong Custer in the decisions that culminated in the Battle of Little Big Horn ; Custer is apocryphally quoted as having exclaimed: Lewis wrote in Mere Christianity that pride is the "anti-God" state, the position in which the ego and the self are directly opposed to God: Pride leads to every other vice:

Chapter 6 : Pride Will Come Before the Fall - a Biblical Point of View

The source of the phrase "pride comes before the fall" is the Bible, specifically Proverbs , which reads, "Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall" in the New International Version.

If a person is too arrogant, he or she will make a mistake or fail in a big way. This phrase is also said pride goes before the fall. It is sometimes quoted as pride goeth before the fall. The original quote from the King James Bible is Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall. Some theologians interpret this to mean that a proud person will be condemned to hell. This goes together with the idea that humble people will be rewarded in heaven. It also means that an arrogant person is more prone to sin and, therefore, will receive punishment. Despite the religious origins, people use this nowadays without religious overtones. People can say this simply as a warning not to be too arrogant. An arrogant person might think he cannot make a mistake and, therefore, he is more prone to making mistakes in the first place. He will also be more embarrassed by any mistake that he does make. Examples of Pride Comes Before the Fall In the example below, a husband tells his wife about how great he is doing at work. I must be some type of business genius. No one else can match my talent! Everyone below me in the company hierarchy is an imbecile! That seems a little arrogant. Pride goes before the fall. In this second example, two lawyers are discussing their boss at their firm. He treats everyone working under him like idiots. He has a very overinflated view of his own abilities. More Examples This excerpt is about a politician who seems too ambitious. One of my favorite Bible verses is actually the most misquoted: The former seems to refer to individuals falling from power. The latter is more ominous:

Chapter 7 : Hubris - Wikipedia

Pride Comes Before A Fall is a comedic monologue. MARTY shares the true story of how he moved out one of his friends and paid the ultimate price.

We can learn a great deal from the continuing fallout from Perth Pride. We should not be surprised at this nor give in to the temptation to depression. But if we step back and look in more detail at the backlash there is a great deal we can learn. His words are in italics followed by my responses to the author. The backlash against Rev Scott Burtons Perthshire pride speech was as depressing as it was predictable. Are you depressed at the mere fact of disagreement? Or have you bought into the narrative that Rev. Scott has received a whole load of hate mail? It appears he had eight letters of criticism and they seem to have been fairly polite. If you want praise from politicians and the press then this is the route to go. The call for equality was warmly welcomed by Pride supporters. It seemed like an historic moment, like the church was finally breaking down age-old barriers in opening a door. And inevitably, there were other church leaders trying to slam the door shut. Which door are you talking about? The door to the church is always open. We always invite people to come to him in repentance and faith. But I suspect you mean the door to the church changing its beliefs in order to fit in with some beliefs that our society holds or at least the beliefs of those who are in power. In that case you are right. The church does not exist to parrot the values and norms of a culture and society which is fundamentally anti-God. The door to heresy and error is or should be firmly closed. The door to all people is always open. What would that mean? It would mean the church had turned away from the teaching of Jesus a disaster and an end to the church. At a time when just 7. You seem to be suggesting that my views are responsible for the decline in the Church, whereas Rev. I realise that that fits your worldview. There is however one slight problem. The facts tell otherwise. A couple of years ago Scott Burton appeared in the Courier with this report. An outspoken and wide-ranging attack has been made on members who fail to attend for worship or offer financial support to their churches. Indeed it is in terminal decline. Every year I have been in Tayside another church usually Church of Scotland has closed. It appears that Rev. On the other hand when I came to Dundee in the Free Church had a total of around 50 people in the whole region in two churches. Today we have five churches and another one just starting with over people attending. That hardly fits your narrative. Let me illustrate with a story I have used before. At least 30 minutes twice on a Sunday. But as the church has followed your advice, it has declined! Your recipe for the church is a disastrous one we know that because it has already been tried and found wanting. He who marries the spirit of this age will be a widow in the next. Incidentally have you ever thought that your views are divisive? Maybe truth is divisive. Why does there seem to be such a hangup about homosexuality? Once again your divisive views and prejudices are shown. The Bible is opposed to slavery which is why biblical Christians were the first to campaign against it, in a society where it was considered divisive to do so. But if they bothered to find out what the Bible actually teaches about slavery and not cherry pick a few verses out of context just in order to accuse and about sex and sexuality they would have a different point of view. The Bible is opposed to adultery, gossip and lying. Incidentally given that you are all for equality and diversity perhaps you could help us here. The churches in Dundee are going to be holding a big CreationFest event on September 29th do you think that the Council should give us funding for that? Or does equality and diversity not apply to the minority of Christians? Whats the hang up? And why are you such a chronological snob or at least why do you try to appeal to the chronological snobbery of your readership? What does the age of the Bible have to do with its quality? Are you implying that because something is in the 21st Century it must be better? Is Beyonce de facto better than Beethoven just because she is more modern? Why not other groups? You seem to be presupposing a lot and giving us little rational justification for your desire to impose your values upon the whole of society. Mainly because of wars and atrocities committed in the names of the deity, but also because of the whole getting up early on a Sunday morning thing. I hate to say this but that statement only makes sense to those who are ignorant and lazy. Prejudice is no substitute for facts. Secondly even if they did surely given the importance of the issues involved life, death, heaven, hell, relationships, love, joy and peace a little effort would not go

amiss?! After all people are commended for getting up early to go to golf, concerts and even political rallies. But you want a church without commitment – just a nice place that tells you what you want to hear. But religion is vitally important, particularly in times when people and families are being torn apart by politics and technology. Religion is what brought humankind together in the first place. There is every chance that religion can, once again, be a powerful unifier. But we need to keep that door open. This is such an interesting comment. And such an interesting view of history. Religion is actually very divisive. Even Jesus said he came to bring division! Of course he did that only to show that without a radical change in each of us we are divided and on the road to destruction. The truth is that you talk of unity whilst offering a solution which only divides and destroys. We speak words which seem to bring disunity, but in reality lead to the deepest unity of all – in Christ. Every Sunday I see that expressed in the variety of people from all different backgrounds who worship in St Peters. And I am intrigued by your call for unity? What does that mean? You want us all to think the same way, have the same point of view? Would that be basically yours? Or are you really prepared for a different kind of unity – one based on love, tolerance and diversity? Your cheap and dismissive views of the biblical understanding suggests the former rather than the latter. In other words the problem is human sin. As a wise man once said, the heart of the problem is the problem of the human heart. Your column did not get anywhere near addressing that. It was shallow and superficial. Let me leave you with a bit of wisdom that I heard from a preacher last night. A preacher who actually believes and teaches the Bible. In and of itself it means nothing because it is not a commodity out there. The question is who do we love? I note that Scott taught the latter whilst leaving out the former – which makes it all meaningless. How sad that you accuse me of hate speech just because I proclaim the message of the God who is love! If you really want to have a conversation, please feel free to get back in touch with me I know that Courier journalists read this blog and tell me what I have said that is wrong. I would be more happy to have a dialogue!

Chapter 8 : Proverbs Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.

One response on " Pride Comes Before The Fall " Gina S November 2, at pm. Thank you, Des! Great reminder to examine our hearts and ask God to reveal to us our pride!

Pride goes Before a Fall. People are never fond of anyone who is proud, over confident or over bearing. It is better to be humble than to have a superiority complex Invariably pride not only brings your downfall but also makes you look foolish. But people who are proud realize this only when they face a grave situation in life and the experience teaches them a valuable lesson. Once there was a beautiful antelope that lived in a forest. He was very proud of his antlers and knew that it helped him look majestic. The antelope would feel very proud whenever other animals stopped by to have a look at him. He always thought that he was a special creation and all the other creatures were no match for him in looks. But he was always discontented about his legs. He thought his legs were too thin and wished he had better-looking legs. His attitude was so haughty that the other animals did not befriend him at all. No one really liked or respected him although they did agree that he was a very good-looking antelope. One day as he was quenching his thirst in a lake the antelope suddenly heard the sound of hunters nearby. He had been too busy admiring his reflection in the water that he had not heard the sound of the hunters earlier. Fear gripped him and he ran as fast as he could. The hunters were closing in on him but his legs were so powerful that he was much faster than them. As he ran through the trees his antlers got caught in the branches of a tree and the antelope could not run further. He struggled to free his antlers and could hear the hunters getting closer. It was then that he realized that what he had all along thought of being his best feature was actually getting him into trouble. Whereas his legs which he had always looked down upon was actually saving his life. Luckily with a little struggle the antelope was able to free its antlers from the branches and run to safety. The antelope realized at that moment that its pride had almost cost its life. All along, it had been very proud of its antlers and was blind to the dangers that it might bring about. Now it realized the value of being humble and was happy to be alive. Thereafter the antelope always thought very high of its legs.

Chapter 9 : What does 'Pride comes before the fall' mean

This expression comes from The Book of Proverbs in the Bible. It is sometimes quoted as pride goeth before the fall. The original quote from the King James Bible is Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall. Some theologians interpret this to mean that a proud person will.