

### C. How to combat pride.

The fear of the LORD is the instruction for wisdom,  
And before honour *comes* humility.

Proverbs 15.33

1. Choose to find glory, that is only found among the humble.

Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."  
1 Peter 5.5b

2. Choose to live in the security of having only one judge.

<sup>3</sup>I care very little if I am judged by you or by any human court; indeed, I do not even judge myself. "My conscience is clear, but that does not make me innocent. It is the Lord who judges me."  
1 Cor 4.3-4

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## Advice on Pride

"The chief occupational hazard of leadership is pride." John Stott

### A. What is pride?

Per dictionary:

Pride: a high or inordinate opinion of one's own importance, merit, or superiority, whether as cherished in the mind or as displayed in conduct.

Per Scripture:

The need to feel better than others.

Whoever belittles his neighbour lacks sense, but a man of understanding remains silent.  
Proverbs 11.12

"Pride gets no pleasure out of having something, only out of having more of it than the next man." C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity

### B. The effects of pride.

#### 1. Inevitable destruction

Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall. Proverbs 16.18

#### 2. Divisive relationships

When pride comes, then comes dishonor, But with the humble is wisdom.  
Proverbs 11.2  
Where there is strife, there is pride, but wisdom is found in those who take advice.  
Proverbs 13.10

#### 3. Divine consequences

Better to be lowly in spirit along with the oppressed than to share plunder with the proud.  
Proverbs 16.19

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