

Pride

How you are fallen from heaven,
O Day Star, son of Dawn!

Isaiah 14:12

Self at the Center

“I will make myself like the Most High”

Isaiah 14:14

¹² “How you are fallen from heaven,
O Day Star, son of Dawn!
How you are cut down to the ground,
you who laid the nations low!

Isaiah 14:12–15

¹³ You said in your heart,
‘I will ascend to heaven;
above the stars of God
I will set my throne on high;
I will sit on the mount of assembly
in the far reaches of the north;

¹⁵ But you are brought
down to Sheol, to the
far reaches of the pit.

¹⁴ I will ascend above the heights of
the clouds;
I will make myself
like the Most High.’

Proverbs 16:18 (ESV)

¹⁸ Pride goes before destruction,
and a haughty spirit before a fall.

Questions

- Who would you rather have do some work for you, a person who takes pride in their work, or a person who takes no pride in their work?
- Do the Marines encourage sin by their slogan, “The Few, The Proud, The Marines”?
- Can you be proud of your children?
- Can you be proud of your accomplishments?

Proud or Not Proud?

- I got an “A” on the test because I am smarter than everyone else.
- I got an “A” on the test because I studied hard.
- I am successful at business because I always know the right thing to do.
- I am successful at business because I follow biblical principals and I have been fortunate.
- Derek Rose (interview after making a winning shot)

Proud

Accomplish

Boastful

Confident

Pompous

Self-Righteous

Victorious

Achieving

Cocky

Egotistic

Pretentious

Stuck-up

Winner

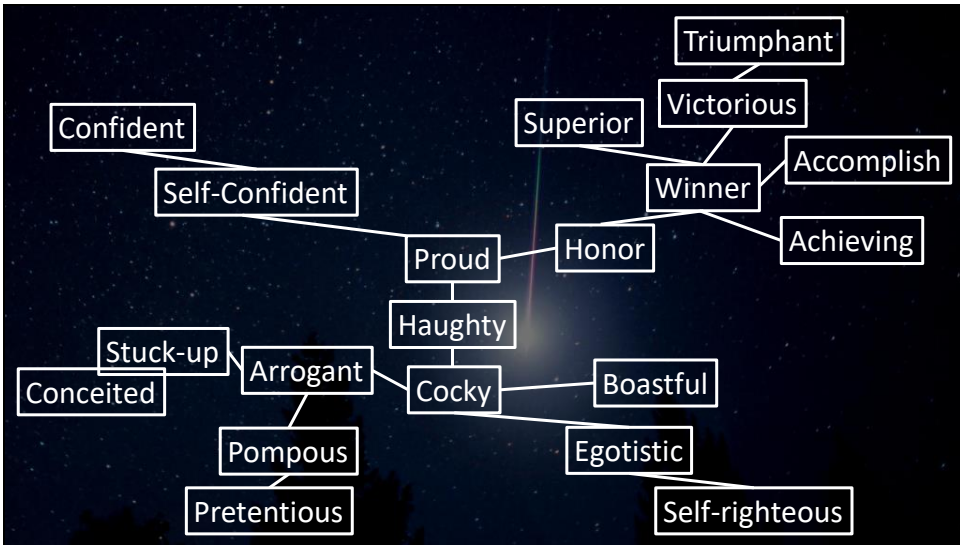
Arrogant

Conceited

Honor

Self-Confident

Superior



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Two Kinds of Pride

- Authentic Pride
 - Results from attributions to internal, unstable, controllable causes (“I’m proud of what I did”)
- Hubristic Pride
 - Results from attributions to internal, stable, uncontrollable causes (“I’m proud of who I am”)

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- Satan
 - Ezekiel 28
 - Isaiah 14
- Adam and Eve in the Garden
 - Genesis 3

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Examples

- Luke 18:9–14
- Acts 12:21–24

Food for Thought

2 Corinthians 7:4 (NIV)

- ⁴I take great pride in you. I am greatly encouraged; in all our troubles my joy knows no bounds.

Galatians 6:4 (NIV)

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

Conclusion

The subtleties of Pride

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