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Deuteronomy 8:11-18

“Beware that thou forget not the LORD thy God, in not keeping his commandments, and his judgments, and his statutes, which I command thee this day: Lest when thou hast eaten and art full, and hast built goodly houses, and dwelt therein; And when thy herds and thy flocks multiply, and thy silver and thy gold is multiplied, and all that thou hast is multiplied; Then thine heart be lifted up, and thou forget the LORD thy God, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage; Who led thee through that great and terrible wilderness, wherein were fiery serpents, and scorpions, and drought, where there was no water; who brought thee forth water out of the rock of flint; Who fed thee in the wilderness with manna, which thy fathers knew not, that he might humble thee, and that he might prove thee, to do thee good at thy latter end; And thou say in thine heart, My power and the might of mine hand hath gotten me this wealth. But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day.”

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Matt. 6:1-4

“Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven. Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth: That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly.”

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Eph 2:8,9

“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God”

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Romans 1:21, 22

“ Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools”

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Proverbs 14:12

“There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.”

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II Corinthians 10:5

“Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ ”

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Philippians 2:3

“Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. ”

Our Pride Keeps Us From Loving Others As We Should

I Corinthians 13:4

“Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ”

Our Pride Causes Strife and Contentions With Others

Proverbs 13:10

“Only by pride cometh contention: but with the well advised is wisdom.”

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Proverbs 28:25

“He that is of a proud heart stirreth up strife...”

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Revelation 3:17

“Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked”

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Galatians 6:3

“For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself.”

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1 Corinthians 10:12

“Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.”

Our Pride Keeps Us From Submitting to God's Will

Psalms 10:4

“The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God: God is not in all his thoughts.”

Our Pride Causes Us to Be an Abomination to God

Proverbs 16:5

“Every one that is proud in heart is an abomination to the LORD:
though hand join in hand, he shall not be unpunished.”

Our Pride Will Cause Us to Be Lost

Mark 7:20-23

“And he said, That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man. For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: All these evil things come from within, and defile the man.”

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“...God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace to the humble.” - James
4:6