

Overcoming Pride

Proverbs 3:5–6 (NIV84®)

⁵ Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; ⁶ in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

Proverbs 3:34 (NIV84®)

He mocks proud mockers but gives grace to the humble.

1 Peter 5:5–7 (NIV84®)

⁵ Young men, in the same way be submissive to those who are older. All of you, **clothe yourselves with humility toward one another**, because, “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” ⁶ Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. ⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

Proverbs 16:18 (NIV84®)

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

Prayer of Preparation

Heavenly Father, You have told us to trust in You with all our heart. You have cautioned that pride goes before destruction and arrogance precedes stumbling. I confess that I have often ignored Your counsel and imagined my strength was sufficient, my training was adequate, my determination would create the desired outcome. I have placed my will above Yours and I have sought my way before accepting Yours. I confess my sin, my pride, and my selfishness. I pray that all ground gained in my life by enemies of the Lord Jesus Christ would be canceled as I repent and overcome these expressions of my carnal nature. Holy Spirit, examine my heart and help me to see the ways I have lived pridefully. In the precious name of Jesus, amen.

Prayer of Application

Almighty God, I acknowledge that I have been proud of _____. I rejoice in Your forgiveness. I choose to humble myself before You and others. I choose to place my confidence in Your great power and not in my strength. In Jesus’ name, amen.