

The Danger of Self-Sufficiency
Proverbs 16:16-33

1. Pride: The Source and Substance of Sin

- A. The Destruction of the “Unsinkable Ship”
- B. All sin starts with self (v18-19)
- C. Self-sufficiency: a recipe for disaster

2. Pride in the Heart (v16-20)

- A. Not seeing a need for wisdom (v16)
- B. Not seeing a need for protection and preparedness (v17)
- C. Not seeing a need for instruction (v20)

3. Pride in Interactions (v21-24)

- A. Not using words to edify (v21)
- B. Not interacting with others with wisdom (v22-23)
- C. Not giving grace to others (v24)

4. The Destruction and Fall of the Proudful (v25-30)

- A. Trusting in oneself leads to death (v25)
- B. Ruled by one’s own appetite (v26)
- C. Evil and harsh speech (v27)
- D. Strife and division (v28)
- E. Violence and deception (v29)
- F. Dishonesty and evil (v30)

5. Conquering Pride

- A. Most in the world embraces pride; few recognize its true nature
- B. Proposed Solutions
 - 1. Islam
 - 2. Hinduism
 - 3. Psychology
 - 4. Professing Christianity
- C. The Gospel: The Only Antidote to Self-Sufficiency
- D. Live in humble obedience to the Sovereign Lord (v31-33)

6. Further Practical Application: Less-Than-Obvious Manifestations of Pride to Consider

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| A. Justifying my position | H. Refusing to be ministered to |
| B. Boasting in my humility | I. Wanting recognition |
| C. Theological arrogance | J. Ambition |
| D. Anxiety and self-pity | K. Taking credit for salvation and/or sanctification |
| E. Sarcasm | L. Ministering in your own strength |
| F. Refusal to confess or apologize | M. _____ |
| G. Lack of compassion | |

