

Pride and Humility

Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall. Proverbs 16:18

-Many have been brought down by their pride just when they thought they could not fall.

*Though the LORD be high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly: but the proud he knoweth afar off.
Psalm 138:6*

*But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.
James 4:6*

*Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.
I Peter 5:5*

-A proud person does not have God on his side, instead He is gone out against him and resists him in his endeavors. The humble person is assured that God desires fellowship with him.

*The fear of the LORD is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate.
Proverbs 8:13*

-No one can truly say that they fear God if they are prideful.

A man's pride shall bring him low: but honour shall uphold the humble in spirit. Proverbs 29:23

-Korah, Dathan and Abiram thought they were fit to fill Moses' position and they were taken down into the earth; but Moses, who was the meekest man in the earth, was honored by God.

And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. Genesis 3:6

For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. I John 2:16

-Pride can be traced back to the garden of Eden when Adam and Eve sinned. Eve saw the fruit as desirable to make her wise and ate of it.

For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones. Isaiah 57:15

The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit. Psalm 34:18

*The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.
Psalm 51:17*

-God's hand is stretched out to the humble and He is ever willing to help him. Only the humble will come to Christ and receive eternal life; because in order to acknowledge our sin, humility is required.