

Humility Brings Honor; Pride Brings Destruction

Scripture

“Before destruction the heart of a man is haughty, and before honor [is] humility” (Proverbs 18:12 NKJV).

Commentary

The very thing that might bring honor to a man, his abilities, giftedness, or understanding, for examples, are often the things that bring him down. It is not how smart we are, or how gifted we are that makes us useful for service, but how humble we are.

God has made it quite clear, “I [am] the LORD, that [is] My name; And My glory I will not give to another. . . .” (Isaiah 42:8 NKJV) Paul affirms his understanding of this when he said, “But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world” (Galatians 6:14 NKJV).

My dear friends we have been left here to serve others. We are not to seek glory for our service, but to seek God’s glory through our service. As it is written, “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven” (Matthew 5:16 NKJV).

Avoid the praise of men; do not feed on their approval. “The fear of man brings a snare, but whoever trusts in the LORD shall be safe” (Proverbs 29:25 NKJV).

Remember, whatever talent or gift you have, you have it because the Lord gave it to you for His service. Keeping this in mind will keep you from falling into the devil’s deception. What did the serpent say to Eve? “For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God. . . .” (Genesis 3:5 NKJV) Don’t allow pride to destroy your life. Humble yourself and wait upon the Lord.

Prayer

Father, forgive us when we think more highly of ourselves than we ought. Tenderly guide us back to the narrow path when we have strayed. Help us to see clearly Lord, amen.