

# A Proud Look

Proverbs 6:16-17

# Abomination: morally repulsive

- A proud look – ‘haughty eyes’
- Illustrated: Pr.30:13; Isa.10:12-14
- LXX: our ‘hubris’; wanton insolence or arrogance resulting from excessive pride or from passion  
– Webster, 1960

# I. What Is Pride?

## Pride is . . .

- NOT delight in good accomplished.
- NOT admitting truth about oneself.  
Ro.12:3; Ph.4:13
- Arrogance, egotism, an absorbing sense of one's own greatness.
  - "He's good and he knows it."

I. What Is Pride?

**II. Pride Takes Many Forms**

# 1. Physical

- 1 Sm.9:2, Saul
- 1 Sm.16:12, David
- 2 Sm.14:25, Absalom

Today's society is obsessed  
with physical attractiveness

1. Physical

## 2. Financial

- 2 K.20:...13 – Ezk.16:49

Easy come,  
easy go

Eccl.2:7, 18-20

Lk.16:19...

Comparative  
pride –

‘more than...’

1 Tim.6:17

1. Physical
2. Financial
- 3. Mental**

- “Do you see a man wise in his own eyes? *There is more hope for a fool than for him*” – Prov.26:12
- Ac.17:18, seed-picker
  - Bird
  - Loafer in marketplace

No one knows 1/1,000,000 of  
information in universe



1. Physical
2. Financial
3. Mental

## 4. Successes

- Dan.5

–He made people jump...

“The toughest thing about success is that you’ve got to keep on being a success. Talent is only a starting point in this business” – Irving Berlin

1. Physical
2. Financial
3. Mental
4. Successes

## **5. Religion**

- Mt.23:6-8
  - Ps.111:9, **reverend: awe, respect**
    - Be afraid, in fear, revere, be awesome... (316 x)
    - Gn.32:8; 1 Sm.12:18
  - 2 Co.12:7
    - **Greatest hypocrisy**

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**III. Pride Does Bad Things**

# 1. Pride Hurts God

- 2 Chr.26:...15-16 (Pr.16:18)
- Ac.5
- Ga.5:26 –
  - Having exaggerated self-conceptions, conceited, boastful
  - The proud hate pride . . .

<sup>1</sup>The stronger calls out the weaker

<sup>2</sup>The weaker envies the stronger

1. Pride Hurts God

## 2. Pride Humiliates friends

- Is.65:5
  - Influence of heathenism on Jews
  - Law humbled them: <sup>1</sup>exposed sins;  
<sup>2</sup>God's holiness
  - Paganism freed them from law,  
encouraged a pretend holiness

Mt.6, love being  
noticed and praised

Ja.2:1-13, partiality  
expresses pride

1. Pride hurts God
2. Pride humiliates friends
3. **Pride Hinders truth**

- 1 Co.1:...25-26
  - So busy fighting for # 1 spot, they cannot preach gospel
  - 1 Th.1:8

For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place. Your faith toward God has gone out, so that we do not need to say anything

# Jeremiah 9

**23** Thus says the LORD: "Let not the wise *man* glory in his wisdom, Let not the mighty *man* glory in his might, Nor let the rich *man* glory in his riches; **24** But let him who glories glory in this, That he understands and knows Me, That I *am* the LORD, exercising loving-kindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight," says the LORD.

# Jeremiah 9

Jewish arrogance would not protect them from Babylonian troops

Jewish wisdom would not outsmart Nebuchadnezzar

Jewish might could not stop him

Jewish riches would become wages for Babylonian soldiers