

HUMILITY BEFORE HONOR

Humility Before Honor, Pride Before Destruction

- I. **Humility is before honor; Pride is before destruction-Pr18:12**-Before destruction the heart of man is haughty and before honour is humility **Destruction**-Ruin/hurt/broken-**Haughty**-Proud/high-**Honor**-Splendor (of victory) glory(ious) things/abundance/wealth/promote-**Humility**-Voluntary decent
- A. If we believe this we want to rid ourselves of pride and develop humility -**CEV**-Pride LEADS TO destruction; humility LEADS TO honor-**TLB**-Pride ENDS in destruction; humility ENDS in honor-**MSG**-Pride FIRST, THEN the crash, but humility is a PRECURSOR to honor-**TP**-A man's heart is the proudest when his downfall is nearest, for he won't see glory until The Lord sees humility-**VO**-A proud heart PRECEDES destruction-**CSB**-BEFORE his down fall a person's heart is proud-**NIRV**-If a man's heart is proud, he will be destroyed. So don't be proud if you want to be honored-**ICB**-People who are proud will be ruined. But those who are not proud will be honored
- B. There's a connection between pride and destruction-**Pr16:18**-Pride goes BEFORE destruction and an haughty spirit BEFORE a fall-**Pr11:2**-When pride comes THEN comes shame (dishonor)-**Pr29:23**-A man's pride shall bring him low: but honor shall uphold (sustain) the humble in spirit
- C. There's a connection between humility and honor-The forerunner of honor is humility; Cultivate humility and honor will be the result (magnet)-**Pr15:33**-Before honor is humility-**Pr22:4**-By humility and the fear of the Lord are riches and honor and life-**Js4:10**-Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord and he shall lift you up-**1Pt5:6**-Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God that he may exalt you in due time-**Ps147:6**-The Lord lifts up the meek-**Ps149:4**-He will beautify the meek (humble) with salvation (victory/prosperity/health/welfare)-**Lk14:11**-Whosoever exalts himself shall be abased...he that humbles himself shall be exalted
1. Being exalted by God is the will of God-"I'm not into that"
- D. I perceive God has promotion and protection on His mind-Wants pride out of us to keep us from destruction and to bring us to new levels of honor
- II. **Many problems that many of people are having are pride induced and so often the reason for the ruin was someone yielded to pride first**
- A. Pride/humility produce ways of operating, fruits of behavior-The reason for the behavior-**Pr13:10**-Only by pride cometh contention (strife)
1. Pride is the root to a multitude of wrong behaviors and if we remove the pride and the way of operating becomes be right-Judging, despising, disobedience, NOT seeking first the Kingdom, unbelief all have the roots in pride (Because you believe you are above)
- B. Pride will cause you to operate in a way that shuts God out and lets the enemy in, while humility will cause you to operate in a way that lets God in and shuts the enemy out-**Js4:6**-God resists the proud but gives grace unto the humble-**Ps138:6**-Though the Lord be high yet hath he respect unto the lowly (**GNB**-Care for): but the proud he knows afar off