

Pride in Politics: The Great Deception

In my most recent article about our political division, I wrote, "Political views bring out the best and the worst in us. I know I'm a work in progress myself. Christians must repent of their pride and anger, and the church must unite in submission to God before our country faces devastating damages from which it may never recover."

Most of us have heard this saying: "The pride in others I can easily see, but praise God there's none in me."

We smile at this statement because we recognize its truth. **Pride is said to be the only disease that others can spot except the one who is contaminated by it.**

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Pride Has Slain Its Ten Thousands

Pride is an elevated view of self, abilities, possessions or political party. It leads us to become cynical, arrogant and indifferent to the needs of others. We brag and boast about what we have or what we do.

In short, we think more highly of ourselves than we ought. In fact, pride has slain more prophets than persecution ever did.

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Pride is not only deceptive, but dangerous. Proverbs 16:18 warns us that "pride goes before destruction," which means it

causes ruin, pain and conflict.

Pride destroys marriages, damages parenting, fractures relationships and silences the voice of God. James 4:6 reminds us that God resists us when we are proud, and Obadiah 1:3 declares that pride deceives us. Not good.

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