



Moments of Inspiration

Humble Yourself by Nicole Herbert

The Lord detests all the proud of heart. Be sure of this: They will not go unpunished. Proverbs 16:4

What does it mean to be proud? Pride can be defined as a feeling of being better than others and an inordinate feeling of superiority. The Bible speaks out against this. Pride goes before a fall (Proverbs 16:8), God resists the proud (1 Peter 5:5). We are also reminded of the story of King Nebuchadnezzar (Daniel 4:29 - 30), in which he surveyed his kingdom and gave himself credit for how it flourished. Pride. It causes one not to acknowledge God in all things. As the scripture in focus indicates, God punishes pride. In the case of Nebuchadnezzar, he was punished by God. The king was driven to the wilderness and ended up eating grass and looking unkempt like an animal (Daniel 4: 31 - 33)! The kingdom was restored only when he glorified God and acknowledged his power and dominion (Daniel 4:34 - 36).

The stance that causes God to draw near is one of humility. It is always best for us to make the decision to

humble ourselves rather for God to humble us. It is never pretty when He does it! He lifts up and honours and respects the humble (James 4:10; 1 Peter 5:6; Psalm 138:6; Proverbs 18:12). There are many more benefits to us being humble, and many more Bible verses speak to this. Let us continue to humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God.

Prayer:

Father, we ask your forgiveness for the many times we have allowed pride to raise its ugly head. We choose to humble ourselves and acknowledge your pre-eminence. Give us the strength to honour you in everything we do and in everything we accomplish in this life. In Jesus' name, Amen.