

# calling

# Proverbs **Pride and Humility**

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#### In the Book of Proverbs

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"The Bible does not say that pride might lead to destruction - it says it will. Why? The practical reason is that pride makes it difficult to receive advice or criticism. You can't learn from your mistakes or admit your weaknesses. Pride distorts your view of reality, and therefore you are going to make terrible decisions.

-Tim & Kathy Keller: God's Wisdom for Navigating Life pg.134

#### 1. Pride - It's Deceptive:

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The parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector Luke 18:9-14

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Deut. 8:10-14 Be careful that you do not forget the Lord your God..... <sup>14</sup> you heart will become **proud** and you will forget the Lord your God

#### 3. Pride - It doesn't have to dictate how we live:

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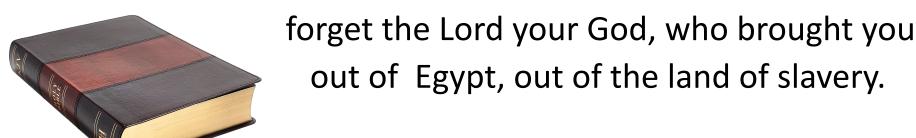
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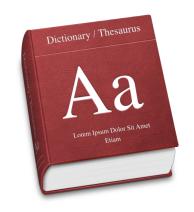
a feeling or deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's own achievements

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## Humility:



a modest or low view of one's own importance

Philippians 2:13 Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in <a href="https://www.humility">humility</a> count others more significant than yourselves.

### "TRUE HUMILITY IS NOT THINKING

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-MERE CHRISTIANITY



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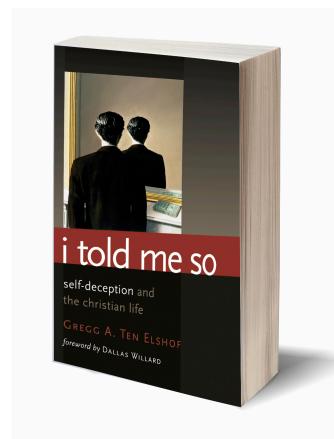
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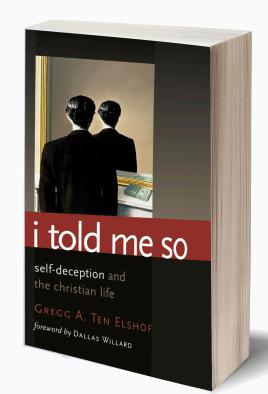
moments, when there's no occasion for false humility, I'd say I'm a better-than-average teacher.



I'm in good company. A recent study revealed that 94 percent of the people who do what I do think they're doing a better then average job... Clearly, a lot of people *are wrong* about

how they stack up to in comparison with their peers.

...Fortunately, I'm not one of them.



#### Luke 18:9-14

To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: 10 "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.

#### Luke 18:9-14

11 The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. 12 I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.'

### Luke 18:9-14

<sup>13</sup> "But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.' 14 "I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

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# HOW TO PRAY FOR HEALING AND RESTORATION

Condition 1: God wants us humble "If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves" -2 Chronicles 7:14





If nominated, I will not run; if elected, I will not serve.

-W. Tecumseh Sherman

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