

A Year of Community

There are six things the Lord hates, seven that are detestable to him: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are quick to rush into evil, a false witness who pours out lies and a person who stirs up conflict in the community.

Proverbs 6:16-19

About Proverbs

Proverbs was written by King Solomon

Proverbs is essentially a manual on living life

It was specifically written to Solomon's son

**What does this passage have
to do with Community?**



Understand what they are

Acknowledge when we see them in ourselves and/or in our body

Grasp how they kill the community

Learn how to deal with them in a Biblical fashion



Haughty Eyes



Haughty: Dictionary Definition: blatantly and disdainfully proud: having or showing an attitude of superiority and contempt for people or things perceived to be inferior

Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall.


Proverbs 16:18

Pride

The word is used by Solomon 5 times in Proverbs

Three times it relates to the eyes





A person may think their own ways are right, but the Lord weighs the heart. To do what is right and just is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice. Haughty eyes and a proud heart—the unplowed field of the wicked—produce sin.

Proverbs 21:2-4



“There are those who curse their fathers and do not bless their mothers; those who are pure in their own eyes and yet are not cleansed of their filth; those whose eyes are ever so haughty, whose glances are so disdainful; those whose teeth are swords and whose jaws are set with knives. to devour the poor from the earth and the needy from among mankind.”



Proverbs 30:11-14

Haughty Eyes



It's hard for us to see in me.

In verses from 21 tell us we think we are doing right

The verses in 30 say we think we are pure, but we are not cleansed of our filth



Don't Dismiss

What exactly are haughty eyes?

The kind of eyes that look down on other people as if the one looking down is higher up than others



Negative Heart

Judgmental Attituded

Critical Speech

Lack Compassion



Harmful Effects



Keep in my this connected to pride

It is safe to safe that haughty eyes are a product of a prideful heart

Pride is the number one sin discussed in the Bible



The Origin of Sin



“For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

Genesis 3:5



Harmful Effects



Solomon talks about it much and here is the damage he cites for the individual which will kill the church community...

Proverbs 11.2 **Proverbs 13.10**

Proverbs 14.3 **Proverbs 16.18**

Proverbs 29.23



Dealing with Pride




The quick answer is humility

Prideful people never see themselves as prideful

However, it is very easy for me to see your pride





Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

Philippians 2:3-8



Seeing Humbleness



Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit

Check your motivation

Selfish Ambition: focused on you and your wants and desires. It centers on what you can get from a person, place, thing, or situation



Vain Conceit

Seeing Humbleness



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A humble community unconcerned about me but more interested in “we.”

They are digging into themselves to meet the needs of others in the body



Seeing Humbleness



In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus

The action is to set you mind on the Jesus setting

He specifically says in your dealing with people (relationships) be Jesus



Seeing Humbleness

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus

Be a Servant: He made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant.

Be Obedient (even if it kills you): He humbled himself by becoming obedient to death

Sacrificially



Humble Yourself
or God will do it for you
Isaiah 2:11-18

