

## Proverbs 16:18

<sup>18</sup> Pride goes before destruction,  
and a haughty spirit before a fall.

## Proverbs 22:4

<sup>4</sup> The reward for humility and fear of the LORD  
is riches and honor and life.

## Humility: What We and the World Needs Now

Proverbs 16:18; 22:4

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### The arrogant are...

- ...self-deceived.
- ...demeaning of others.
- ...detestable to God.

### The humble are...

- ...accurately viewing self.
- ...appropriately respecting others.
- ...pleasing to God.

## Life Group Discussion Questions

Based on Proverbs 16:18, 22:4

### Notes:

#### Getting Started

1. When you hear the word “prideful,” what person or image comes to mind?
2. In what ways does our culture encourage us to think much of ourselves and be self-absorbed?
3. Who do you know who exemplifies humility well? What is it about this person that makes them humble?

#### Digging into the Text

4. Read Proverbs 16:18 and 22:4 and respond to these:
  - Explain the meaning of these verses.
  - Based on 16:18, in what sense(s) does pride lead to ‘*destruction*’? Why does haughtiness of spirit (i.e., elevating one’s self) end up bringing them down (i.e., causing ‘*a fall*’)?
  - In 22:4, how are ‘*humility*’ and ‘*fear of the Lord*’ linked together? Why do they bring such a significant reward?

#### Applying It to My Life

5. Is there an area of your life where you’re currently thinking too highly/lowly of yourself or your abilities?
6. What step can you take this week to embrace a more accurate, humble view of yourself?
7. Instead of shining the spotlight on ourselves this week, how can the group be praying for you and all of us to depend more fully on God and honor Him and others more highly than ourselves?