

Proverbs 16:18

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

Did you ever realize that the middle letter in “pride” is “I”? But isn’t that what “pride” is all about, it’s all about “I” or “ME” and everything revolves around “ME” isn’t that why “I” is the middle letter? It’s not even the first letter, putting oneself first, or the last letter thinking of oneself last after others, but the middle letter, with all other letters revolving around it.

Even with the so called “PRIDE” movement, it’s all about “ME” and others gathering around “ME” and “ME” getting things “MY” way, and once again having others come around “ME” to support “ME” in “MY” sin.

Even Judas Iscariot was full of pride and thought about himself. He could care less that there was a woman who was broken and that came to Jesus to anoint Jesus’s feet with costly oil, and that this woman needed Jesus and His forgiveness (Which she had, even without anointing Jesus’ feet with the oil), But Judas Iscariot didn’t care, he saw what he thought was a waste because he only wanted the money for himself that they would get by selling the oil.

† **John 12:4-6** *Then one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, who would betray Him, said, "Why was this fragrant oil not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and had the money box; and he used to take what was put in it.*

And even worse was that he betrayed Jesus for a few bucks, because he wanted everything to be centered on him and what he wanted.

† **Mark 14:10** *Then Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve, went to the chief priests to betray Him to them.*

I think that Judas Iscariot was so evil, that even if he read today’s proverb “***Pride goes before destruction, And a haughty spirit before a fall.***” (Which he probably did know) that he would have betrayed Jesus anyway, because as we read, “***because he was a thief, and had the money box; and he used to take what was put in it.***”

But did you realize that when Jesus was crucified, that He was crucified between two thieves or robbers?

† **Mark 15:27** *With Him they also crucified two robbers, one on His right and the other on His left.*

And even then, we know one robber mocked Jesus to his death, and the other gave his life to Jesus and was saved.

† **Luke 23:39-42** *Then one of the criminals who were hanged blasphemed Him, saying, "If You are the Christ, save Yourself and us." But the other, answering, rebuked him, saying, "Do you not even fear God, seeing you are under the same condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong." Then he said to Jesus, "Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom."*

The first ended up in hell, because of his pride, because it was all about himself (I) even his own words show his self-centeredness and pride *"If You are the Christ, save Yourself and us."* While the other was broken of his pride and all he cared about was Jesus and His kingdom, and not himself. *"We indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong."*

So, how do you know if you are full of pride? Look at your posts on social media, listen to your own prayers, listen to who you talk about most when you are around others or even at home. How often do these things contain "I" (PrIde) because you make everything about "YOU".

† **Proverbs 11:2** *When pride comes, then comes shame; But with the humble is wisdom.*

† **2 Chronicles 32:26** *Then Hezekiah humbled himself for the pride of his heart, he and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the wrath of the LORD did not come upon them in the days of Hezekiah.*

† **Isaiah 13:11 (NLT2)** *"I, the LORD, will punish the world for its evil and the wicked for their sin. I will crush the arrogance of the proud and humble the pride of the mighty."*