

**Introduction:**

- A. The Bible says in Proverbs 16:18, “\_\_\_\_\_ goes before destruction, and a \_\_\_\_\_ spirit before a fall.”
- B. Fundamental biblical principle: “God opposes the \_\_\_\_\_, but gives grace to the \_\_\_\_\_.” (Pr. 3:34; Is. 13:11; 1 Pet. 5:5-6)
- C. There is a \_\_\_\_\_ pride and a \_\_\_\_\_ pride.
  - 1. \_\_\_\_\_ pride says, “God made me, God has gifted me, I am valuable and useful. I can feel good about myself, in light of this.”
  - 2. \_\_\_\_\_ pride causes us to act arrogantly, to have an inflated view of ourselves, to be conceited and judgmental.
- D. Let’s learn the \_\_\_\_\_ way what Nebuchadnezzar learned the \_\_\_\_\_ way!

**I. The Story**

- A. Chapter four begins with and contains the words of a \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ address from the king.
- B. Nebuchadnezzar says that he had another \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. Again, it is only \_\_\_\_\_ who can interpret it.
- D. The \_\_\_\_\_ in the dream represented \_\_\_\_\_.
- E. Nebuchadnezzar experienced the fulfillment of his dream \_\_\_\_\_ year after he was given the dream and the interpretation.
- F. Because of his \_\_\_\_\_ spirit, Nebuchadnezzar came under the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
- G. Graciously, after \_\_\_\_\_ years of causing Nebuchadnezzar to live like a crazed \_\_\_\_\_, the Lord restored the king’s ability to \_\_\_\_\_.
- H. God not only restored his \_\_\_\_\_, God restored his \_\_\_\_\_ and made it even \_\_\_\_\_ than before.

**II. The Application - What lessons can we learn?**

- A. First, We learn that God’s judgment may be \_\_\_\_\_, but it is \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. Second, We learn that God will go to great lengths to show us that He is the \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. Third, We learn that we should heed the \_\_\_\_\_ of those who \_\_\_\_\_ about us before it is too \_\_\_\_\_.

**Conclusion:**

- A. The key to keeping our pride in check is to develop \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. Humility recognizes that what I \_\_\_\_\_ and what I can \_\_\_\_\_ is by the grace of God.
- C. Humility is not about humiliation or low self-esteem, it is about a right, \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ esteem.
- D. Humility is not denying the power or ability you have, but admitting that that power or ability \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_.
- E. Remember the \_\_\_\_\_.

Answer Key: Intro.A. Pride, haughty. B. proud, humble. C. good, bad. C.1. Good. C.2. Bad. D. easy, hard. I.A. nation, wide. I.B. dream. I.C. Daniel. I.D. tree, Nebuchadnezzar. I.E. one. I.F. prideful, discipline. I.G. seven, beast, reason. I.H. sanity, kingdom, greater. II.A. slow, certain. II.B. sovereign, Lord. II.C. warning, care, late. Concl.A. humility. B. am, be. C. God, given. D. comes, God. E. unsinkable, Titanic.