

Proverbs 13:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Only by pride cometh contention: but with the well advised is wisdom.

Analysis

Pride breeds conflict through its refusal to submit or compromise. The well-advised demonstrate humility in receiving counsel, promoting peace. All strife traces to pride's root—seeking one's own glory rather than God's and others' good. Gospel humility, recognizing our dependence on grace, enables peaceable relationships.

Historical Context

Pride destroyed kings and kingdoms throughout Israel's history. From Saul's downfall to Rehoboam's folly, refusing wise counsel led to division and disaster.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. How does pride manifest in your conflicts with others?

2. Whose counsel are you resisting due to pride rather than genuine discernment?

Interlinear Text

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H7535	Only by pride	cometh	contention	H854	but with the well advised	is wisdom
	H2087	H5414	H4683		H3289	H2451

Additional Cross-References

Proverbs 19:20 (Parallel theme): Hear counsel, and receive instruction, that thou mayest be wise in thy latter end.

Proverbs 17:14 (Parallel theme): The beginning of strife is as when one letteth out water: therefore leave off contention, before it be meddled with.

1 Timothy 6:4 (Parallel theme): He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings,

Luke 22:24 (Parallel theme): And there was also a strife among them, which of them should be accounted the greatest.

James 4:1 (Parallel theme): From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members?