

# appnotes

## DAY 1 READ DANIEL 4:4-37

1

Have you ever taken credit for your success? Are you filled with pride for what you have accomplished? Nebuchadnezzar was, and his pride landed him in a heap of trouble. God taught Nebuchadnezzar a difficult lesson, and He cares enough about you to teach you a lesson as well. Here's the truth: It is God who blesses us and allows us to achieve whatever success we have. He has seen fit to take a very personal interest in our lives. Isn't it proper that we should give Him the credit for what He has done? Thinking that we can do it all on our own is dangerous. Instead we should say: "God did it and He let me partner with Him."

## DAY 2 READ PROVERBS 13:10

2

Have you ever had conflict in your life? Could it be because you were unwilling to listen to the other person? The willingness to listen is one of the key attributes necessary to get along with others. Our passage tells us that it is pride that keeps us from listening. Pride is when we think that we are bigger, smarter, and more capable than we are. Pride is at the root of sin. It convinces us that we should always "look out for number one." Simply put: pride is destructive because it interferes with our relationship with God and with our fellow men. The Bible says, "...to be carnally minded (selfish) is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace." Will you go it alone, or will you be willing to listen to God's wisdom?

## DAY 3 READ LUKE 2:41-52

3

Before I knew the Lord, I said to a friend who was witnessing to me, "I think I know what the Bible says." Was I wrong about that! The Bible is a very deep book that contains everything you need to know about faith and godliness. For the Christian, there is a lifetime of learning ahead, and there is no magical formula for getting Biblical knowledge—it requires study. Now, don't be alarmed. You don't need to know everything all at once, and you will never know everything. At this point, just focus on getting started. God will teach you what you need to know if you are faithful to read His Word, meditate on it, and apply it to your life. If Jesus was willing to read, listen to others, and ask questions, shouldn't we be willing to do the same?

## DAY READ PROVERBS 17:10

4

Have you ever been rebuked by a friend? It's certainly not pleasant, but often it is exactly what we need. Even if the rebuke is not completely accurate, there is usually a kernel of truth in it. A wise person is one who hears that rebuke without immediately lashing out at the person who gave it. Listen and ask yourself, "What part of this rebuke describes me accurately?" How can I use this to become a better person? Would I be willing to offer a loving rebuke to my friend if the need arose, or would I let my friend stumble through life without getting involved? Not all advice is good advice, but loving advice from a godly friend ought to be given a thorough hearing, even if it hurts.

## DAY READ PROVERBS 11:2

5

The biblical definition of pride is related to selfishness. Selfishness is more than a desire for things. It is the desire to be all things, or to be the director of my own fate. Pride is the belief that I know better than anyone else what is good. God hates pride. Pride leads people into disgrace because it leads them into ignorance. It is devastating to see the level of ignorance and self-contradiction that people attain when they are led by their own wisdom. By contrast, the humble person refuses to believe that they have all the answers. They understand that God has all the answers, and they make it their job to seek out the wisdom of God. If pride leads to ignorance and disgrace, humility leads to wisdom and honor. Which path will you choose?

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