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Quotes about Pride

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Pride goeth before destruction and a
haughty spirit before a fall. [Proverbs 16:18]

- Bible

I am the greatest. Not only do I knock em out, I pick the round!

- Ali, Muhammad

The last time I saw him he was walking down lover's lane holding his own hand.

- Allen, Fred A.

Some movie stars wear their sunglasses even in church. They're afraid God might
recognize them and ask for autographs.

- Allen, Fred A.

When science discovers the center of the universe a lot of people will be disappointed to
find they are not it.

- Baily, Bernard

It's a fine thing to rise above pride, but you must have pride in order to do so.

- Bernanos, Georges

Whoever shall exalt himself shall be abased, and he that humbles himself shall be exalted.

- Bible

He that toucheth pitch shall be defiled therewith; and he that hath fellowship with a proud man shall be like unto him. [Ecclesiasticus 13:1]

- Bible

God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble [James 4:6]

- Bible

I cannot dig; to beg I am ashamed. [Luke 16:3]

- Bible

Pride defeats its own end, by bringing the man who seeks esteem and reverence into contempt.

- Bolingbroke, Henry

Proud people breed sad sorrows for themselves.

- Bronte, Emily

I have lived long enough to satisfy both nature and glory.

- Caesar, Julius

It is my PRIDE, my damned, native, unconquerable Pride, that plunges me into
Distraction. You must know that 19 - 20th of my Composition is Pride. I must either live a
Slave, a Servant; to have no Will of my own, no Sentiments of my own which I may freely
declare as such; --or DIE --perplexing alternative!

- Chatterton, Thomas

If I had only one sermon to preach it would be a sermon against pride.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

And the Devil did grin, for his darling sin is pride that apes humility.

- Coleridge, Samuel Taylor

Of all the marvelous works of God, perhaps the one angels view with the most supreme
astonishment, is a proud man.

- Colton, Charles Caleb

There is this paradox in pride -- it makes some men ridiculous, but prevents others from
becoming so.

- Colton, Charles Caleb

A self-made man? Yes, and one who worships his creator.

- Cowper, William

It ain't bragging if you can do it.

- Dean, Dizzy

Pride the first peer and president of hell.

- Defoe, Daniel

There is nothing that will kill a man so soon as having nobody to find fault with but himself.

- Eliot, George

Most of the trouble in the world is caused by people wanting to be important.

- Eliot, T. S.

Pride that dines on vanity, sups on contempt.

- Franklin, Benjamin

Idleness and pride tax with a heavier hand than kings and governments.

- Franklin, Benjamin

Pride perceiving humility honorable, often borrows her cloak.

- Fuller, Thomas

My family pride is something inconceivable. I can't help it. I was born sneering.

- Gilbert, W. S.

Nothing so obstinately stands in the way of all sorts of progress as pride of opinion. While nothing is so foolish and baseless.

- Holland, Josiah Gilbert

There was one who thought himself above me, and he was above me until he had that thought.

- Hubbard, Elbert

Never look down on anybody unless you are helping them up.

- Jackson, Jesse

I am done with great things and big plans, great institutions and big success. I am for those tiny, invisible loving human forces that work from individual to individual, creeping through the crannies of the world like so many rootlets, or like the capillary oozing of water, which, if given time, will rend the hardest monuments of pride.

- James, William

Pride costs more than hunger, thirst and cold.

- Jefferson, Thomas

Pride is seldom delicate; it will please itself with very mean advantages.

- Johnson, Samuel

Through pride we are ever deceiving ourselves. But deep down below the surface of the average conscience a still, small voice says to us, something is out of tune.

- Jung, Carl

If one takes pride in one's craft, you won't let a good thing die. Risking it through not pushing hard enough is not a humility.

- Keating, Paul

I will give you a definition of a proud man: he is a man who has neither vanity nor wisdom --one filled with hatreds cannot be vain, neither can he be wise.

- Keats, John

Pride does not wish to owe and vanity does not wish to pay.

- La Rochefoucauld, Francois De

Airs of importance are the credentials of impotence.

- Lavater, Johann Kaspar

What the world needs is more geniuses with humility, there are so few of us left.

- Levant, Oscar

There are two sides to every question: my side and the wrong side.

- Levant, Oscar

A proud man is always looking down on things and people; and, of course, as long as you're looking down, you can't see something that's above you.

- Lewis, C. S.

Has God forgotten all I have done for Him.

- Louis XIV

To be proud and inaccessible is to be timid and weak.

- Masillon, Jean Baptiste

The sin of pride may be a small or a great thing in someone's life, and hurt vanity a passing pinprick, or a self-destroying or ever murderous obsession.

- Murdoch, Iris

There is no cure for the pride of a virtuous nation but pure religion.

- Niebuhr, Reinhold

Nothing has been purchased more dearly than the little bit of reason and sense of

freedom which now constitutes our pride.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Exclusiveness is a characteristic of recent riches, high society, and the skunk.

- O'Malley, Austin

At every trifle take offense, that always shows great pride or little sense.

- Pope, Alexander

Pride is still aiming at the best houses: Men would be angels, angels would be gods.

Aspiring to be gods, if angels fell; aspiring to be angels men rebel.

- Pope, Alexander

Pride and poverty don't get along, but often live together.

- Proverb

The nobler the blood the less the pride.

- Proverb, Danish

Pride is the mask of one's own faults.

- Proverb, Jewish

Where there are no tigers, a wild cat is very self-important.

- Proverb, Korean

You cannot hold your head high with your hand out.

- Proverb, Yiddish

In general, pride is at the bottom of all great mistakes.

- Ruskin, John

The passions grafted on wounded pride are the most inveterate; they are green and vigorous in old age.

- Santayana, George

Pride, like laudanum and other poisonous medicines, is beneficial in small, though injurious in large quantities. No man who is not pleased with himself, even in a personal sense, can please others.

- Saunders, Frederick

Man, proud man, drest in a little brief authority, most ignorant of what he's most assured, glassy essence, like an angry ape, plays such fantastic tricks before high heaven, as make the angels weep.

- Shakespeare, William

Pride is an admission of weakness; it secretly fears all competition and dreads all rivals.

- Sheen, Fulton John

Pride is pleasure arising from a man's thinking too highly of himself.

- Spinoza, Baruch (Benedict de)

I would not talk so much about myself if there were anybody else whom I knew as well.

- Thoreau, Henry David

Swallow your pride occasionally, it's not fattening.

- Tyger, Frank

We should be ashamed of our pride, but never proud of our shame.

- Unknown, Source

Swallowing your pride seldom leads to indigestion

- Unknown, Source

Pride is a personal commitment. It is an attitude which separates excellence from mediocrity.

- Unknown, Source

Pride makes us esteem ourselves; vanity desires the esteem of others.

- Unknown, Source

Temper gets you into trouble. Pride keeps you there.

- Unknown, Source

The infinitely little have a pride infinitely great.

- Voltaire

No race can prosper till it learns that there is as much dignity in tilling a field as in writing a poem.

- Washington, Booker T.

We rise in glory as we sink in pride.

- Young, Andrew



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