

EA7. Being Wary of Prideful Teachers.

We are to be wary of prideful teachers.

This precept is derived from His Word (blessed is He):

Key New Testament Scriptures

Mark 12:38-40

As he taught them, he said, "Watch out for the kind of Torah-teachers who like to walk around in robes and be greeted deferentially in the marketplaces, who like to have the best seats in the synagogues and take the places of honor at banquets, who like to swallow up widows' houses while making a show of davvening at great length. Their punishment will be all the worse!"

Additional New Testament Scriptures

Luke 20:46-47

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Supportive Tanakh Scriptures

Proverbs 11:2

First comes pride, then disgrace; but with the humble is wisdom.

Proverbs 16:5

ADONAI detests all those with proud hearts; be assured that they will not go unpunished.

Proverbs 16:18

Pride goes before destruction, and arrogance before failure.

Comment

Whereas, it is clear throughout Scripture that pride is a sin, why are we warned to be wary of prideful teachers in particular? It is because a teacher's position and gifting enables him to influentially impart to others. Were they only raw facts imparted, there would be little danger. But teachers are role models for their students, and prideful teachers tend to glorify themselves instead of God and, by their example, are likely to influence their students to do likewise.

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