

James 4:16~ But now you take pride in your self-assuming brags. All such taking of pride is wicked.

1· Rather though, these men are taking pride in their self-assuming brags, about what they will accomplish in the future. They are thus not taking into account Yehowah's will for each one of them, nor are they showing dependence upon him and his will for them. All such taking of pride is wicked, it is not something that comes down from Yehowah God through the Holy Spirit.

[Question] What though, do these rich men take pride in, and what are they not taking into account?

[Question] Where does this inordinate pride stem from?

2· Here is the able-bodied man that does not put God as his fortress, but that trusts in the abundance of his riches, that **takes** shelter in adversities by him. (**Psalms 52:7**)

[Question] What does the Psalmist counsel us not to trust in?

3· And you kept trusting in your badness. You have said; There is no one seeing me. Your wisdom and your knowledge, this is what has led you away. You keep saying in your heart; I am, and there is nobody else. (**Isaiah 47:10**)

[Question] What do the wicked ones trust in, and do they see Yehowah God as watching all their lives in fine detail?

[Question] What then keeps leading them astray, and whose will only, do they take into account?

4· And Hezekiah proceeded to listen to them and show them all his treasure-house, the silver and the gold and the balsam oil and the good oil and his armory and all that was to be found in his treasures. There proved to be nothing that Hezekiah did not show them in his own house and in all his dominion. (**2 Kings 20:13**)

[Question] What treasures did king Hezekiah foolishly show off to the Babylonians that visited him?

5· Presumptuous, **self-assuming** braggart is the name of the one who is acting in a fury of presumptuousness. (**Proverbs**

21:24)

[Question] What do you call someone who acts in a fury of presumptuousness?

- 6· **Because everything in the world, the desire of the flesh and the desire of the eyes and the showy display of one's means of life, does not originate with the Father, but originates with the world. (1 John 2:16)**

[Question] What things of the world do not originate with the Father, Yehowah God?

- 7· **Look! This is what proved to be the error of Sodom your sister. Pride, sufficiency of bread and the carefreeness of keeping undisturbed were what happened to belong to her and her dependent towns, and the hand of the afflicted one and the poor one she did not strengthen. (Ezekiel 16:49)**

[Question] What actually proved to be the downfall of Sodom and Gomorrah?

- 8· **So he said, I will do this; I will tear down my storehouses and build bigger ones, and there I will gather all my grain and all my good things. (Luke 12:18)**

[Question] What plans, did the rich man whose fields produced well, have in Jesus' parable?

- 9· **Your cause for boasting is not fine. Do you not know that a little leaven ferments the whole lump? (1 Corinthians 5:6)**

[Question] Is there cause for boasting when sin is present?