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How Pride Holds Me Back:

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Proverbs 13:10 (NLT)

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¹⁸ Pride comes before disaster, and arrogance before a fall.

Proverbs 16:18 (CEB)

C. Pride PROMOTES my anxiety.

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1 Peter 5:6-7 (NIV)

How Do I Get Past My Pride?

1. Constantly acknowledge my DEPENDENCE on God.

⁴ Remain in me, and I will remain in you. A branch can't produce fruit by itself, but must remain in the vine. Likewise, you can't produce fruit unless you remain in me. ⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, then you will produce much fruit. Without me, you can't do anything.

John 15:4-5 (CEB)

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Matthew 16:24-25 (NIV)

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