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**CHOSEN BIBLICAL Old Testament SCRIPTURE-**

## This month's **coloured attachment** scripture is **PROVERBS 13:10**

## "PRIDE LEADS TO ARGUMENTS; BE HUMBLE, TAKE ADVICE AND BECOME WISE'

Pride blocks contending for the truth. Closed minds are a sign of pride and this pride comes from an unyielding personality, not just a difference of an opinion on a certain subject. Pride is a trap that sows discord, breeds impatience, rivalry, conceit and will not forgive but will seek revenge.

Pride can be arrogance, people who want always to have their own way selfishly and shows proof of their ignorance. Pride leads to other avenues of sin and evil and wickedness. It can cause spiritual blindness, hard heartedness, contempt for others and always ends in disaster. Pride is viewed as evil, it involves pretending a deception and there are many warnings against such arrogance and delusions throughout The Bible.

Humbleness is not weakness, but an attitude of right priorities, of one's status before God. A person must be humble to be renewed and restored by The Holy Spirit. The humble listen to wisdom and instruction. The quality of knowledge, discernment and understanding is human wisdom from God. Wisdom may bring material riches but wisdom's value itself far outweighs and exceeds all earthly riches. To those who have wisdom are equipped for right conduct and leadership. Wisdom is needed for the instruction of human practical living, and understanding God's way.

Those who are humble are wise and will be well-advised. Those who seek wisdom will consult their conscience and God's Word.No human being can boast of deeds in His presence, pride has been dethroned.

Christ is Perfect Wisdom personified, the Treasure of Knowledge.

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## Interesting Bible Facts





Christ is portrayed as Perfect Wisdom and personified, Treasure of Knowledge. ★ BIBLICAL KNOWLEDGE- Did you know that a parable Jesus told was about a successful farmer, in need of nothing yet he was really poor without knowing it? He failed to be rich towards God who is his sovereign. He forgot that God knows what a person thinks within themselves. God thought him to be a fool, according to Jesus.

There is a Colouring In page of the rich farmer's stockpile of goods

at http://www.tne.net.au/~abdaacts/fool.html

AN AUGUST EVENT-Christianity became wellestablished in North Africa in the early 200s, but Roman emperors applied every effort to wipe it out. Among their targets: an urban bishop and a small-town pastor. The urban bishop was Thascius Caecilius Cyprianus, who had turned his back on a promising political career to represent Christ. Though a relatively new convert, Cyprian was appointed bishop of **Carthage** in 248. He served ten years, steering the Carthage church through turbulent days of persecution. Roman Emperor Decius ordered the annihilation of all leading Christian bishops. Bishops were executed in Rome, Jerusalem, Antioch, Caesarea. Then the soldiers came for Cyprian, too. He was beheaded on August 30, **258.** Forty-five years later, during the reign of Emperor Diocletian. a village pastor outside Carthage faced similar threat. The persecution unleashed was the worst of all. Churches were destroyed, Bibles burned, and all civil rights of Christians were suspended. When Roman magistrates came to the village, they summoned leading Christians and ordered them to surrender their Bibles. The believers replied that their Pastor Felix had them in his possession, and he was away in Carthage. When Felix returned the next day, he was surrounded by troops who demanded he turn over the Bibles. He refused and they sent him to the proconsul in Carthage who suggested he remedy the dilemma by offering some old Bibles and spare books, but again Felix refused. He was escorted to the smallest cell in the city's filthiest prison for a month of distress, then shipped to Italy bound in heavy chains among the horses. He died en route on August 30, 303, in the hold of the ship.



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Heavenly Father, We are grateful in the midst of plenty and ask that we continue to have an abundance of earthly wisdom and spiritual resource from You. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

