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The end of v.18 says that pride and a haughty spirit lead to a fall.

What does this mean?

Where does a prideful person fall from?

Think of a time when you've witnessed firsthand, the destruction that comes from pride. Was it your own pride? Someone else's pride?

When a person is prideful and haughty, ultimately, whose position are they trying to take over?

What do the verses surrounding v.18 tell us about how we are to live instead?

What can we learn about God from this passage?

Using this passage as a mirror, is there anything that God is showing you about yourself?

What can you put into practice from what you learned this week?

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