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## HOW PRONE WE ARE TO VANITY

### A Prayer Against Pride

*"If I speak in the tongues of men and angels, but have not love,  
I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal" (1 Corinthians 13:1, ESV).*

1. How prone we are to vanity  
Even in the noblest things.  
We study doctrine with great zeal,  
Yet miss the grace it brings.
2. Though we might know all mysteries,  
Deep truths explore and find,  
There is no profit without love  
In filling up our minds.
3. For if we speak but have not love,  
We're like a sounding brass,  
And are but nothing even if  
All knowledge we amass.
4. We give our gifts to help the poor,  
To serve and clothe and feed,  
And proudly think that we've done well  
When we're the ones in need.
5. We pray for others in their sins,  
Exulting in our skill  
At plucking specks from others' eyes,  
While beams obstruct ours still.
6. Now Father, bring us to our knees,  
Our hearts before You bowed.  
Come humble us with truth and grace,  
Cast down the great and proud.
7. Protect us from the deadly path  
Of holding truth in pride.  
Fill us with faith and hope and love,  
In these help us abide.

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