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For almost ten years now without fail, at least three times a week, I've patronized a nearby coffee shop that I've come to consider my second office. It's there in that noisy, coffee-smelling saturated atmosphere that I go to write and study and where I also love to people watch while savoring my favorite hot chocolate drink, without whipped cream of course. I've never been a coffee connoisseur. The bitter brew has never appealed to me and never will. So there three times a week I've made it my practice to position myself in front of the shop's large picture window where I can observe the usual unpredictable tango between the cars and their drivers that I've come to expect with any parking lot. I personally dread the necessity of navigating parking lots because one never knows what's going to erupt. The most competent driver can suddenly transform into a vehicular maniac lawlessly maneuvering through a maze of rows of unsuspecting cars and do things that would never otherwise cross the mind. Laws and common sense doesn't seem to exist in parking lots, or at least my frequent observations at the coffee shop have made me think this. You see, the street in front of my "second office" is a one-way street, clearly marked and sandwiched between two slanted rows of parking spaces. I've lost count of how many visits I've made there, but without fail, and often nearly ending in catastrophe, willfully blind drivers deliberately go the wrong way down this one way street almost always colliding with cars reversing out of their spots. Every time I've watched this awful dance, the inconsiderate driver either stares straight ahead intentionally ignoring the reactions of the stunned and often shaken drivers of the parked cars, or if on rare occasions they're confronted for their misdirection, they shout obscenities or retort in explosive rage unwilling to acknowledge their wrongful action. Thankfully I haven't witnessed a collision as of yet. But even though no accident has occurred a far dee-

THE SAD Subtleties OF PRIDE

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PART 2

per problem re-surfaces each time this happens revealing how blindly our society has degenerated into carnal, selfish, lawless pride. Even when caught in the act of deliberate disobedience to the law, the guilty person feels no conviction, and defends the right to be wrong no matter whom it affects. This is the epitome of ungodly pride.

The first article in this series examined the unloving and dishonoring nature of pride revealing two distinct categories of pride identified by dissecting the numerous Hebrew and Greek words translated as pride and the synonyms for pride. The primary distinction between these two categories is the defining factor of whether true love is present or not. Once these two categories of pride were detailed, as ungodly pride and godly pride, a definition for the ungodly form of pride was then presented so to better study the subtle demonic characteristic while making room for godly forms of confidence often jumbled into the same bag as

ungodly pride. Here's a reminder of what ungodly pride is defined as.

Pride is a deceptive attitude with corroborating actions that demonstrate self-exaltation, superiority and seeking a sense of importance over others- spiritually, relationally, vocationally, and financially- while disregarding Jesus as Lord, love, authority structures, policies, boundaries, and the needs of others. It is always right, never wrong. It Edges God Out, inflated by EGO, eventually alienating people for the purpose of accomplishing self-serving goals, even in the name of pursuing greater spirituality. It is the manifest presence of satanic nature.

Moving onward we must identify the different types of ungodly pride as strated in Scripture. Regrettably no matter how I endeavored to condense this terial it was impossible. Although this study can be quite tedious please read carefully through the following categorical definitions and think about how they might apply to you as an individual and the groups you're associated with such as your family, city, church, nation, generation and culture.

There are as many types and manifestations of pride as there are people and situations. That is why it is so difficult to recognize that pride is behind the conflicts we face as human beings. The example of the proud car driver is as basic as it comes. But what does the Bible have to say about the types of pride common to human-kind?

Pride is most commonly associated with evil or wickedness and generally speaking to fallen humanity whether it be individuals or groups. It is often spoken of as a very general condition and in the verses related to this general type of pride one will notice many of the ways pride operates. These operations of pride will be discussed in another article. Here are a few of the most significant verses related to our subject..

Pr 8:13 The fear of the LORD is to hate evil: **pride**, and **arrogancy**, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate.

Pr 17:19 He loveth transgression that loveth strife: and he that **exalteth his gate** seeketh destruction.

Pr 18:12 Before destruction the heart of man is **haughty**, and before honour is humility.

Pr 16:18 **Pride** goeth before destruction, and an **haughty** spirit before a fall.

Pr 11:2 When **pride** cometh, then cometh shame: but with the lowly is wisdom.

Pr 13:10 Only by **pride** cometh contention: but with the well advised is wisdom.

Job 41:34 He beholdeth all **high** things: he is a king over all the children of **pride**

The most significant type of pride and the one with the widest range of applications is the *pride of life*. Nearly every form of pride falls into this category.

. 1Jo 2:16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the **pride** of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

The pride of life is determined by understanding what the word "life" means and refers to in the New Testament Greek. The Greek word "bios" translated as

life in this verse refers to the manner of life or the course that life takes as pertaining to wealth, pleasure, desires, lusts, one's business, even one's status in life. The pride of life is a pride that emerges out of an ungodly perspective in these things and is nurtured by the spirit of the world. The moment that wealth, pleasure of any sort, desire, lusts, our vocation or even our status becomes our focus, or priority, then the wickedness of worldly dynamics take over and carnal identity replaces the humble intimacy and meaningful expression God's love

and honor needs to function. People who don't have the pride of

life are noted by one outstanding loving quality. They live to give sacrificially and without seeking notoriety. The needy widow lived to offer her widow's mite. The compassionate soul sees the needs of others and

unselfishly seeks to meet the need. The pride of life prevents any form of love, generosity or kindness and is blind to the needs of others. Those who demonstrate it thrive in selfishness contrary to God's loving nature even when they may claim to be the most spiritual person alive.

Mark 12:44 For all they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living.(BIOS) KJV (Luke 21:4)

1 John 3:17 But whoso hath this world's **good (BIOS)**, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? KJV

As you'll see in the following list, there are many different Biblical categories of pride. We'll examine the most significant and applicable of these but won't cover every type for the sake of time and space. I believe, however, the types we do examine will help you recognize the magnitude of this issue and create a desire within you to overcome it. My greatest concern is that as readers study this they'll begin to point accusing fingers at people they've judged as proud, ironically exposing their own. Let God be the one to deal with other people. You deal with your own heart. When Peter was bothered about at would happen to John, the beloved disciple, Jesus said "What is that to you? You follow Me!" We must follow Jesus!



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The Pride of Life is manifested in the following types of pride

PRIDE SPOKEN OF IN A GENERAL SENSE- AS IN PRIDE OF THE HEART
Sub Categories- Individual & Group- Nations, Families, Organizations, Association

PRIDE RELATED TO PHYSICAL IDENTITY OR CHARACTERISTICS

PRIDE OF AGE PRIDE OF STATURE- HEIGHT- TALL
PRIDE OF GREATNESS, POMP, MAJESTY, SIZE
PRIDE OF WEALTH & POSSESSIONS
PRIDE OF BEAUTY OR APPEARANCE PRIDE RELATED TO GENDER
PRIDE OF NATIONALITY, RACE & CULTURE, ASSOCIATION, FAMILIES, & ANY SORT OF COMMUNITY RELATIONSHIP

PRIDE RELATED TO SPIRITUAL IDENTITY OR CHARACTERISTICS

PRIDE OF SUCCESS & ACCOMPLISHMENT- Ones works
PRIDE OF EXPERIENCE & TRADITION PRIDE OF INFLUENCE
PRIDE OF POSITION PRIDE OF POWER/ STRENGTH
PRIDE OF KNOWLEDGE, IMAGINATIONS, EDUCATION, & LEARNING

PRIDE RELATED TO REPUTATION

PRIDE OF SUCCESS & ACCOMPLISHMENT PRIDE OF POSITION
PRIDE OF POWER/ STRENGTH PRIDE OF FAME
PRIDE OF FAMILY BACKGROUND & NAME

PRIDE RELATED TO BEHAVIORAL CHARACTERISTICS

PRIDE OF THE MOUTH PRIDE OF THE EYES
PRIDE OF THE COUNTENANCE

Pride isn't restricted to individual expression. In fact there are numerous Biblical examples where ungodly pride affected large groups of people, societies, cultures, organizations, families, nations and even races. Corporate or communal pride is by far the most difficult to confront and repent of. A shared ungodly form of pride can seldom be corrected because the proud group is generally blind to its existence. Furthermore, once an association or relational link is established and embraced as part of the identity, if pride is present, and even if the persons are absent from that group, they will not move on to integrate with other groups, all because of pride.

Isa 16:6 We have heard of the pride of Moab; he is very proud: even of his haughtiness, and his pride, and his wrath: but his lies shall not be so.

Romans 11:25 For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.KJV

The Bible cites numerous examples of proud nations. The Amomite national pride compared them to the towering heights of a cedar tree. (Amos 2:9). Entire generations can fall prey to pride and Biblically were said to be haughty, having arrogant eyes in Proverbs 30:13. The heathen nations of Assyria, the Philistines, Edom, Egypt and Moab were all called proud while Babylon, and the Chaldean empire was said to be the most proud (Jer. 50:31-32). Sadly, God's people aren't exempt from this list of haughtiness. Israel and the Gentile church are both identified as guilty of pride (Rom. 11:20-25) The Hebrew children, Jerusalem, Judah, and the daughters of Zion are equally called proud and this

is just the tip of the iceberg. Pride excels in an atmosphere where people think more highly of themselves than they should think! How sad to think that an entire group of people can be self-deceived and not even know it.

Romans 12:3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.KJV

Gal 6:3 For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself. KJV

Virtually any type of pride can be individualized. Remembering this is fundamental to understanding how pride works. Therefore, let's look at the different basic categories of pride associated by similarity in Scripture and manifestation.

PRIDE RELATED TO PHYSICAL IDENTITY OR CHARACTERISTICS



The most obvious yet frequently overlooked category of pride is a pride related to individual or shared physical identity and characteristics. This type of pride affects a wide range of human identity and expression.

Age brings with it a variety of pride-based challenges. Each age group carries with it a different type of pride equally as problematic. Years should develop wisdom and maturity although in many cases they don't. Although this may vary per person and nationally sociologists estimate that the actual emotional maturity of the various generations living today are shockingly lower than what might be expected. Persons born between 1945-

1958(ish) known as the Baby Boomers are said to have an emotional maturity of 9-17 years old. Those born between 1960-1985(ish) or identified Generation X are said to be emotionally 7-12 years old. Finally, Generation Y, people born between 1985-2000(ish) are said to be 7-15 years old. Consequently, much of the Western influenced world is emotionally immature with adult men and women being actually more like teenagers and pre-teens. This creates some serious problems because pride takes on a new wardrobe and becomes more difficult to discern and recognize.

1 Sam 17:22 And David left his carriage in the hand of the keeper of the carriage, and ran into the army, and came and saluted his brethren.23 And as he talked with them, behold, there came up the champion, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, out of the armies of the Philistines, and spake according to the same words: and David heard them.24 And all the men of Israel, when they saw the man, fled from him, and were sore afraid.25 And the men of Israel said, Have ye seen this man that is come up? surely to defy Israel is he come up: and it shall be, that the man who killeth him, the king will enrich him with great riches, and will give him his daughter, and make his father's house free in Israel.26 And David spake to the men that stood by him, saying, What shall be done to the man that killeth this Philistine, and taketh away the reproach from Israel? for who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?27 And the people answered him after this manner, saying, So shall it be done to the man that killeth him. 28 And Eliab his eldest brother heard when he spake unto the men; and Eliab's anger was kindled against David, and he said, Why camest thou down hither? and with whom hast thou left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know thy pride, and

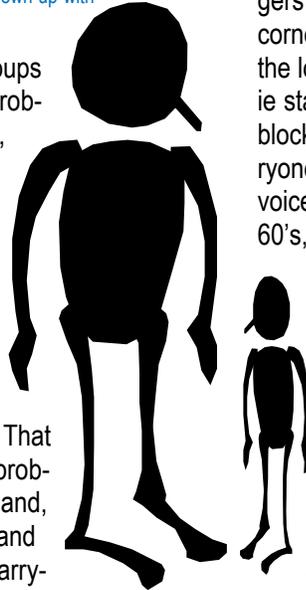
the naughtiness of thine heart; for thou art come down that thou mightest see the battle.²⁹ And David said, What have I now done? Is there not a cause?³⁰ And he turned from him toward another, and spake after the same manner: and the people answered him again after the former manner. ³¹ And when the words were heard which David spake, they rehearsed them before Saul: and he sent for him.³² And David said to Saul, Let no man's heart fail because of him; thy servant will go and fight with this Philistine. ³³ And Saul said to David, Thou art not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him: for thou art but a youth, and he a man of war from his youth.KJV

1 Tim 4:12 Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity. KJV

1 Kings 12:6 And king Rehoboam consulted with the old men, that stood before Solomon his father while he yet lived, and said, How do ye advise that I may answer this people?⁷ And they spake unto him, saying, If thou wilt be a servant unto this people this day, and wilt serve them, and answer them, and speak good words to them, then they will be thy servants for ever.⁸ But he forsook the counsel of the old men, which they had given him, and consulted with the young men that were grown up with him, and which stood before him: KJV

The battle between the generational age groups is nothing new. Scriptures cite numerous problems with this very thing. Elders, due respect, are scorned as out of touch and irrelevant to current life by younger progressive members of society and Church. Furthermore, since the emerging of the Baby Boomer generation and the acquiring of its voice in the early 1960's, something previously unheard of concerning youth, who were to be seen and not heard, a new type of pride developed affecting the youth of future generations. That pride is at the root of an entangled mess of problems now emerging in society. On the other hand, young people, knowledgeable, highly skilled and in the Christian sense, called and anointed carrying new and God given ideas face discrimination from the older generations that reveals the pride of age in a historic and Biblically cited manner.

The young shepherd boy David was ridiculed by his elder brethren shortly after he began to address the soldiers fearful of the giant Goliath. Had he succumbed to the arrogant mockery of his older brothers Goliath might not have been defeated and the greatest king of Israel might never have risen to the throne. Pride of age cripples and prevents the working together of the generations. Sadly, whenever the pride of youth presumes to know more, have more, and need nothing from the elder generations, honor is inevitably broken down and the wisdom of years is cast aside. Lawless behaviors eventually ensue. Young King Rehoboam abandoned the counsel of the older men who counseled his father, Solomon, preferring the counsel of his friends. Regrettably this pattern is repeating today. The sociological generations known as Generations X and Y, born between 1960-2000, consider their friends their best counselors and view friends as more important than family and elders. These characteristics are due to the issues generated in the 1960's-1980's. Nothing can replace the tests of time and long life experience. We need more gray hair in society and the Church functioning as helpful guides, overseers and anchors to slow down impe-



tuous choices youth can often make. Regrettably the accumulating pride of previous generations is now bearing fruit. We need one another desperately.

Pride of Stature, Height, Tallness

The Hebrew and Greek words translated as pride and its synonyms are also almost always translated as something's height or tallness. This must be considered when discussing pride.

Many years ago, after having boarded the plane I was to take, I watched the dynamics of this type of pride operate in full gear. The flight attendant, a lovely woman, was assisting the passengers to find their places when suddenly she got backed into the corner of the plane galley and her attentions were taken over by the loud flamboyant, flatteries and flirtatious advances of a "movie star good looking" tall man. Hovering over her petite frame he blocked all incoming passengers using his height to prevent everyone's forward movement. Other passengers near me quietly voiced their shock at his forwardness. One man probably in his 60's, sitting beside me grumbled, "Get the conceited brute outta here." I watched to see how the flight attendant responded and she was noticeably embarrassed. Finally after the assistance of the other passengers the man sat down. He towered above the rest of the people and used his height as a means of arrogant control. I'd never seen such a demonstration of the pride of height before this.

Now before I go any further and you as the reader think I'm guilty of making sweeping generalizations saying that all tall people live in this category of pride, please stop. Tallness doesn't mean one is automatically proud. Pride is an attitude of heart that uses whatever it has to take advantage of others. Therefore, when individuals use their height to dominate others, then pride is present.

I used to play basketball as a teen and still love to shoot hoops whenever I get the chance. When I was 17 years old I got the opportunity to play against one of the better guards on our team. We were scrimmaging. She soared head and shoulders above me. It was also common knowledge that she had a huge problem with pride. I remember the scrimmage as clearly as if it was today. Someone bounce-passed the ball to me and I happened to be at the top of the key. I prayed in my heart for grace to avoid her as she attempted to block any move I made. To my thrill and probably everyone's shock, I managed to shoot a left-handed hook shot that arched above her lengthy arms and swished through the net. I'll never forget the look on her face or my team. Of course than I had to battle pride too. But once again height can be related to pride.

The Bible calls various groups of people proud because of their height. The Anakims, known as the giants of ancient Biblical times mentioned in Deut. 1:28, 9:1-2, terrified the Hebrew children because of their tallness. The fear of that height over-

whelmed God's people disabling them and securing the Anakim's habitations. However, this pride doesn't have to win.

De 1:28 Whither shall we go up? our brethren have discouraged our heart, saying, The people is greater and taller than we; the cities are great and walled up to heaven; and moreover we have seen the sons of the Anakims there.

De 9:2 A people great and tall, the children of the Anakims, whom thou knowest, and of whom thou hast heard say, Who can stand before the children of Anak!

Nations such as Egypt and Assyria were compared to tall trees and their height was directly linked to pride. Various individuals such as Saul before he was crowned king; Eliab, David's elder brother and Goliath, the famous Philistine giant, all were noted for their height and their pride. Regrettably, height can deceive an outsider into believing that tallness is also bigness in godly character. Height has often been a determining factor in choosing leaders. Such was the case in both Saul and Goliath. But height doesn't always imply capability. Samuel the prophet nearly anointed Eliab, David's older brother, to be king, because he looked at Eliab's natural stature. God prevented him from doing so because God sees the heart, and preferred the smaller shepherd boy David instead. History will remind us that height plays a role in leadership but not always. For example, Napoleon, the famous general of France, was small in stature but large in personality. Height was not the influencing factor in this case.

1Sa 9:2 And he had a son, whose name was Saul, a choice young man, and a goodly: and there was not among the children of Israel a goodlier person than he: from his shoulders and upward he was higher than any of the people.

1Sa 10:23 And they ran and fetched him thence: and when he stood among the people, he was higher than any of the people from his shoulders and upward.

1Sa 16:7 But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.

Pride of Greatness, Pomp, Majesty & Size

The achievement of greatness, size, majesty and pomp is not only a type of pride but these conditions are also a reason that pride occurs. The Hebrew words rendered as pride are also the same words translated as greatness. Greatness and pride can easily become companions unless the heart attitude is adjusted. Throughout the Scriptures, nations, cities and individuals are noted for their greatness, pomp and majesty while at the same time their superior attitude is criticized. Greatness doesn't have to be associated with pride, but it is a very real temptation in its direction. Babylon, Nineveh (Jon. 3:2, 4:11) and Egypt (Eze. 30:18; 32:12) were chided for their proud pomp and warned of inevitable destruction. Furthermore, individuals are equally cautioned to avoid seeking to be great for the sake of greatness and are urged to learn how to behave when in the presence of great individuals.

The wrong attitude when dealing with persons known to possess greatness can destroy the most gifted of individuals.

Pr 25:6 Put not forth thyself in the presence of the king, and stand not in the place of great men:

Pr 18:16 A man's gift maketh room for him, and bringeth him before great men .

Pr 14:3 In the mouth of the foolish is a rod of pride <01346>: but the lips of the wise shall preserve them.

1Sa 25:2 And there was a man in Maon, whose possessions were in Carmel; and the man was very great, and he had three thousand sheep, and a thousand goats: and he was shearing his sheep in Carmel.

Nabal, a man identified as being very great, was also a man eventually revealed to be a fool. His name actually means fool and in spite of his incredible wealth and influence, he displayed the type of pride related to self-absorbed greatness and folly. Such individuals care nothing about the needs and stature of others, wrongly interpreting the most genuine act of helpfulness, as weakness or manipulation. His fate was sealed when he spoke against God's anointed David all because his pride blinded him to God's plan.

Great leaders are most vulnerable to this form of pride. The larger their kingdom or work becomes, the more untouchable and self-serving they can be. Pharaoh (Eze 17:3-9, 17; 29:3) and Sennacherib, king of Assyria (Isa. 36:4,13) are cited as great but nonetheless haughty and destined for God's judgment. Greatness of this sort breeds an arrogant attitude that no longer

recognizes any other leader and with a sense of superiority believes it no longer needs relationship, accountability and deserves worship. Commanding large groups of workers, they feel invincible when in fact they're doomed to fall. Any leader is prone to this self-deception and needs to beware its subtlety.

Pride of Wealth, Possessions & Glory – One of the foremost types of the Pride of life-

1Jo 2:16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

The pride of life probably affects humankind more in this arena of life than any other. As previously mentioned, the word life comes from the Greek word bios, used 11 times in the New Testament. Seven of those references refer to life in one's wealth, worldly goods and possessions great or small. Persons dominated by this type of the pride of life derive their worth and importance from their possessions and worldly goods. It is very closely related to the concept of wealth as being one's **glory** mentioned in Isaiah 23:9 that God says He'll deliberately judge.

Isa 23:9 The LORD of hosts hath purposed it, to stain the pride of all glory, and to bring into contempt all the honourable of the earth.

There is a false sense of security associated with this form of pride. It produces an attitude of conceitedness and ignores the needs of others because those who practice this form of pride



believe that nothing can touch them or harm them. Significantly, the Hebrew children were warned not to yield to this attitude after their deliverance out of Egypt but they eventually fell into it. Their downfall began when they forgot their roots and the hardships and bondage that they were delivered out of. Having gradually prospered after the Exodus pride sat waiting to pounce on their slowly developing success and independent accumulation of things as they gradually ignored God. The amassing of wealth without the continued remembrance of God's delivering power is like an ungodly spiritual sedative. It deadens the humble heart and cancels out sacrificial giving in favor of a feeling of self-assured accomplishment. It is also the same sinful course that the prince of Tyrus, often acclaimed to be another representation for Satan, who became increased in wealth and arrogantly posing God. Beware this form of pride at all costs.

Proverbs 18:11 The rich man's wealth is his strong city, and as an high wall in his own conceit. KJV

Proverbs 28:11 The rich man is wise in his own conceit; but the poor that hath understanding searcheth him out. KJV

De 8:14 Then thine heart be lifted up, and thou forget the LORD thy God, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage;

Eze 28:5 By thy great wisdom and by thy traffick hast thou increased thy riches, and thine heart is lifted up because of thy riches:

There is an odd distortion to this form of pride that in some ways is often mistaken as humility when in fact it's from the very evil root we just considered. There is a pride of wealth or possessions that has nothing to do with excess or abundance of wealth. It is a pride that revels in its poverty and is too arrogant to receive help when help is offered.

Pride of Beauty & Appearance

The unwitting absorption of Greek philosophy into Christianity has made way for the proud attitude of beauty and appearance. The ancient Greeks worshiped beauty, youth and aesthetics of all sorts. These views have so integrated themselves into traditional Christian doctrine that few Christians are even aware of it. In fact when attempting to confront the philosophies of Socrates, Plato and Aristotle as affecting our beliefs, believers stare in puzzlement. On the other hand, there is an emerging interest in exposing and removing the Greek mindsets affecting Church doctrine. Regrettably I've noticed and been heartbroken by saints who say they want to remove the Hellenistic roots out of their faith and then when those lies begin to be exposed, and choices have to be made to remove them, those same saints who said they wanted to correct the errors, back away and say they don't want to. Greek Philosophy affects at least 18 areas of Christian beliefs. Most of these are so deeply ingrained in accepted Christian teaching that when they're exposed, it's too uncomfortable. So as a result some of the lies of Aristotle and Plato are renounced, but the ones that are too close to age-old comfort zones are defensively protected in the name of "what I believe". Even when these lies can be proven that they're lies, I've faced established leaders who say, "I don't care if you can

prove it and it's accurate, I refuse to believe it. It's who I am". I'm always shocked and disappointed when this occurs, but to be honest, most people don't want to face the truth and change because it means they'll have to alter their lifestyles. Considering this, today's "youth culture" or "Peter Pan" idealism has infiltrated into the Church affecting how Christians must look and be. This worship of "beauty" is one of the deadliest and most ancient enemies opposing Christians today. It isn't, however, a new problem.



David's son, Absalom was considered one of the most handsome young men of his time. His looks were renowned and eventually that praise went to his head. Without consideration for the rest of the royal brood he plotted to usurp his father's rightful authority and arrogantly manipulated the impressionable and needy souls of the kingdom, stealing their hearts with promises and flattery. Haughtiness overcame him when his love for the people's praises defeated common sense and crushed humility. (2 Sam. 15:1-6)

2 Sam 14:25 But in all Israel there was none to be so much praised as Absalom for his beauty: from the sole of his foot even to the crown of his head there was no blemish in him.

Eze 28:17 Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee.

The originator of this sin was Satan as represented by the prince of Tyrus mentioned in Eze. 28:17. Genuine physical vanity originates with the nature of Satan and ends in humiliation. The question we must ask then is it wrong to dress nicely, and be concerned about one's appearance?

A fear of personal vanity in one's appearance is as dangerous as actual sinful vanity is and it contributes to a host of behaviors and attitudes that contradict the transforming work of God in salvation through the New Birth as well as the mutual calling of the saint to be a constant ambassador for Christ. There is a vast difference of opinion on this subject in nearly every denomination, Christian group and spiritual movement. Regrettably when healthy self-image goes awry than slothfulness, filthiness and sloppiness replaces how one dresses, practices hygiene, and personal grooming. Individuals who fear the vanity of appearance are just proud as those who live to look like fashion icons. You're an ambassador of Christ and therefore you represent a King. Don't ever allow your appearance to contradict the preciousness of that message because of fear of being vain. Give God your best, seeking His Kingdom first and always look like an ambassador for whatever you're able to manage.

Matt 6:30 Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? 31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? 32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. 33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. KJV

Pride related to Gender

Gal 3:27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. KJV

There is probably no more controversial expression of pride than the pride related to the conflicts between the genders. Gender conflict or the *war of the sexes* is no new issue. But too often this form of pride or "ego" isn't recognized as having two sides. Both genders are guilty of discriminating against each other, often accomplishing nothing in the battle and inadvertently enabling the powers of darkness hindering the work of God. Like the Pride of Beauty and Appearance, the greatest contributing factor in society and traditional Christianity, is the Greek philosophies. Greek philosophy and it' teachers have affected many of the Bible translations we use as well as subtly but corruptly influencing the doctrinal interpretation of Scripture that have fundamentally influenced our attitudes pertaining to the genders. The philo-

CHECKLIST FOR HOW TO DO ACCURATE EXCITING BIBLE STUDY

HOW YOU INTERPRET THE BIBLE WILL DETERMINE HOW YOU APPROACH ANY SUBJECT

INTERPRETATION & APPLICATION AFFECT EACH OTHER

WHAT EYES & EARS ARE YOU INTERPRETING THINGS THROUGH?

External influences affecting how we read & interpret the Bible

Culture Social Ethnic Gender Economy Offenses
Family Background Traditions Personality Greek philosophy
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THE 3 REQUIREMENTS TO ACCURATELY INTERPRET SCRIPTURE

1. USING THE LITERARY CONTEXT

Consider the literary forms & condition of the message such as:

A letter, a prophetic vision, an account of an event etc.

Consider the languages used & their origins

Examine the grammar & how the words are used, & the means they're communicated in.

Consider the intention of the author

2. INTERPRETING THROUGH HISTORICAL CONTEXT

What does it include?

Ancient culture- What were the Local needs & situations needing direction at the time. Different directives for different times & locales.

Different directives for different historical situations & needs.

Ancient Mediterranean cultures, religions, economic conditions, & philosophies radically affect the interpretation of especially Paul's passages.

3. INTERPRETING THROUGH THE ENTIRETY OF THE CANON OR THE COLLECTION OF THE WRITINGS OF SCRIPTURE.

Three forms of witness in the Canon

1. The Consistent Witness is one where a repeated theme is threaded throughout Scripture & can't be questioned in any form as to its accuracy.

2. The Diverse witness is one where a theme is repeated but not constant & is consistent with historical tests.

3. The Isolated Witness is a where one example of doing something isn't to be understood as a central normative teaching of the whole Bible to guide & inform, church practice, policy or faith expression.

The benefits of the witness of the entire Canon brings perspective, balance & consistency to the texts. Without these error develops.

**TO DISREGARD THE 3 DEGREES OF INTERPRETATION IS TO TAKE
OBSCURE PASSAGES & MAKE THEM AN ABSOLUTE LAW
INSTEAD OF GOSPEL WITHOUT CONSIDERATION FOR GOD
WORKING WITH EACH TIME, PEOPLE, CULTURE, ETC.**

sophical writings of especially Aristotle and Plato caused unbelievable contamination in the establishment of the doctrinal position of the early Church Fathers. Many volumes could be written about this if there were time, and if Christians would be willing to truly study this subject, great positive change could be affected in the Church and world at large. This process was very gradual but it became the corrupting force behind the satanically inspired battle between the sexes originating with Satan's enmity toward the woman who exposed his deceptive work in the garden. (Gen. 3:15) Rather than stay true to God's gracious deliverance for both genders, granted equally through the New Birth when Jesus crushed the serpent's head and exposed Satan's enmity. Regrettably most, though not all of the early Church fathers very gradually embraced Aristotle's and Plato's philosophies about male and female, while also introducing pagan practices into Christian doctrine eventually affecting Church doctrine and interpretation throughout Europe and eventually the world. Sadly these statements alone are enough to incite hostile reaction, rage and debate because the collection of those philosophical lies, are deeply entrenched in Church leaders and believers who haven't been taught anything else. Nonetheless, there is a Pride affecting the Genders and won't be corrected until we recognize that our enemy isn't the opposite gender as ourselves.

Amnon, one of the sons of David, lusted after his beautiful sister Tamar. Plotting to illegally to satisfy his perversion he arranged a situation where he could be alone with her and overcome her. This aggression, although inflamed by lust, originates out of a pride of gender whereby the male overpowered the young woman. There are many factors involved with this type of pride but the results always result in the female being shamed.

Shame is not part of the character of God and yet it's not even recognized or questioned when the pride of gender manifests. Furthermore, the moment gender conflicts occur, God's grace is forcibly ignored; law and carnality become the basis for shameful condescension. Neither male nor female should ever be subject to shame. Shame means that something is viewed as second-class or inferior. This form of pride thrills to shame either of the genders. Regrettably because Christians either don't want to set aside the Greek philosophies affecting so many, or they haven't taken the time to think through all the implications related to these things. Hence shame and pride remain.

Another instance where the Bible illustrates this form of pride is in the case of Jezebel the Sidonian wife of Ahab. I hesitate to use Jezebel as an example, because honestly, due to the unrealized pollutions of Greek Philosophy affecting many Christian's interpretation of marital roles, I'm concerned many readers could interpret these concepts through the hidden Humanistic filters

they possess and read this wrongly and be offended. So before I talk about Jezebel and how she used her femininity to conquer the men around her, I want to quote from the writings of several Bible scholars pertaining to Ahab her husband. Contrary to popular and often poorly researched general teaching, Ahab wasn't a wimp as many have painted him to be. In fact, nearly every historical and Biblical commentator states unequivocally that Ahab was a very powerful man, a formidable personality, a gifted and tactical military strategist, and though short sighted to his religious convictions, a fearsome leader. He however did have a problem. He married a pagan woman who had an agenda. On numerous occasions she ignored the fact she wasn't king and her governmental authority was limited. Her strength of will took advantage of a situation when her husband was upset and whining about not getting what he wanted. Using her most manipulative manner she mocked what was righteous, plotted the death of an innocent man by perpetrating false testimony with false witnesses and determined to have her way as a woman without considering the affects of what she did have on her husband and the men around her. As a woman she was despicable and was as guilty of demeaning men as Amnon was demeaning his sister.

PRIDE OF ONE'S NATIONALITY, RACE OR CULTURE

This form of pride is difficult to address because it attaches itself to the corporate identity and must be distinguished from patriotism or loyalties and belonging. When present, the Pride of Nationality, Race or Culture, can be discriminatory, demanding, vengeful, and racist. We'll look at how this pride operates and originates in a future article because like the pride of knowledge it attaches itself to the conscience. However,

consider this. This type of pride generally emerges when offense, achievement, disaster, war or catastrophe occurs. It is a form of pride we don't even recognize until nationalities, cultures and races have to relate. More about this type of pride in a future article.

PRIDE RELATED TO SPIRITUAL IDENTITY OR CHARACTERISTICS

PRIDE OF SUCCESS AND ACCOMPLISHMENT

Success and achievement are a dangerous breeding ground for another type of pride in our study. Any form of success can be the reason pride emerges, but especially spiritual success or accomplishment. I've noticed this especially in the cases when someone has delivered a prophecy and that word was correct and accomplished something. In nearly every case when I have seen this, the person delivering the prophecy became proud and thereafter assumed that anything he or she thought might be from God would be correct even if it wasn't. Spiritual success must be taken immediately to Jesus, as if you were casting your

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KEEP LEARNING NO MATTER
HOW OLD YOU BECOME!**

crown at his feet. Pride takes root when we take the credit for the success and start thinking of ourselves more highly than we ought to.

PRIDE OF EXPERIENCE & TRADITION

Have you heard someone say “We’ve always done it this way and we don’t think we need to change it.”? This is the pride of experience and tradition. Progress dies when this pride hits the brakes. David the Psalmist King of Israel introduced music into the worship ceremonies of the Tabernacle. Previous to that time music had only a small role in corporate worship. I’ve often wondered what would have happened if the Levites and priests would have refused to bring music into the corporate scenario. This pride silences the sometimes-spontaneity of the Holy Spirit, favoring instead the ritual of yesterday. Are you holding so tightly to how you’ve done things in the past, and taking security out of that familiarity that you can’t grow into what God wants you to do?

Pride of Position, Vocation and One’s Business

Position, importance, preeminence and what one does with one’s life in vocation or business are some of the most enticing reasons that this pride of life overtakes the soul. Amongst the saved and unsaved, pride of position, forces a need to be first by exchanging hard punches designed to knock someone else out of the running for first. It is therefore calloused, self-serving and murderous. This form of pride creates a false sense of worth and originates with Satan’s rebellion against God’s authority. Competition finds its roots in this pride and will stop at nothing to achieve its goal. The great king David realized how dangerous this self-deception was and wrote one of the finest heartfelt psalms we could all learn from. He was able to recognize what the condition of his heart was. We need to do the same.

Ps 131:1 A Song of degrees of David. LORD, my heart is not **haughty**, nor mine eyes lofty: neither do I exercise myself in great matters, or in things too high for me.

Isa 14:11 Thy **pomp** is brought down to the grave, and the noise of thy viols: the worm is spread under thee, and the worms cover thee.

Isa 14:13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will **exalt** my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:



The Bible identifies the names of numerous spiritual beings and persons demonstrating the pride of position. Isaiah 14:10-13 describes Satan’s rebellious arrogance when he said he would ascend up to heaven, by exalting his throne above the stars of God, and making himself to be above God. The prince of Tyre is

quoted as saying similar things, directly associated with Satan’s attitude. (Eze. 28:3) In addition to this despicable list, the Anti-christ is described as a leader who demonstrates extreme pride. He will magnify himself above every god and speak against God to establish his demonic kingdom. (Dan. 11:12, 36) Finally, one of the most interesting of all demonic entities practicing pride is known as Leviathan. Theologians have debated back and forth whether Leviathan was a physical creature or an actual demonic prince. Not wanting to give this being more credence than it’s due, I still lean toward the thought that Leviathan is far more than an unidentified animal. I believe this because this entity is identified as the king of the children of pride and seems to possess unusual discernment in all things relating to high places of authority, knowledge, vocation and more. Christians who desire to serve God in high positions of influence must face, wrestle and defeat this foe through practicing humility if they’re to be victorious in God’s will. To do so they must have a tight grasp on the truths of what the New Birth has accomplished, otherwise they’ll attempt to contend with pride from carnal strength and fail miserably.

Job 41:34 He beholdeth all **high** things: he is a king over all the children of **pride**
Job 41:15 His scales are his **pride**, shut up together as with a close seal.

Both Christian and non-Christian leaders are identified as falling prey to this pride. Kings such as Hezekiah (2 Chron. 32:25-26), Uzziah (2 Chron. 26:16) Sennacherib-the king of Assyria (Isa. 10:12; 2 Kings. 19:20-22) and Pharaoh (Neh.9:10) all took pride from their position to such an extent that they cared nothing for how their actions affected their subjects or whomever got in their way. The early church also faced its own struggle with ambitious leaders like Diotrophes who went as far as excluding the established apostolic leaders. This type of pride disregards recognized leaders and set leadership structures.

3 John 9 I wrote unto the church: but Diotrophes, who **loveth to have the preeminence among them**, receiveth us not.KJV

PRIDE OF POWER/ STRENGTH

Although mentioned only twice in Scripture this type of pride directly opposes everything related to God and His Kingdom. It is both individual and shared by nations and peoples. God also confronts it directly aiming to shatter both of the individual and corporate will expressing it. This type of pride manifests in a variety of ways including both attitude and expression. Persons practicing such pride become this way because they derive superiority from their material possessions, physical strength, social and political prowess. This pride is noted by the boastful manner it demonstrates. Inconsiderate volume or loudness is often associated with it. National groups exhibiting this are often verbally loud and obnoxious, generally unaware of how they’re perceived by others.

Lev. 26:19 And I will break the **pride of your power**; and I will make your heaven as iron, and your earth as brass:

Eze 30:6 Thus saith the LORD; They also that uphold Egypt shall fall; and the **pride of her power** shall come down: from the tower of Syene shall they fall in it by the sword, saith the Lord GOD.

PRIDE OF KNOWLEDGE, IMAGINATIONS, EDUCATION, & LEARNING- Pride of life

Luke 1:51 He has shown strength and made might with His arm; He has scattered the proud and haughty in and by the imagination and purpose and designs of their hearts. AMP

Rom 1:20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: 21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. 22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, 23 And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things. 24 Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: 25 Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.

2 Cor 10:5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; KJV

Isa 5:21 Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight! KJV

No matter how old you become, no matter how much formal education you're privileged to receive, no matter how many degrees you earn, YOU WILL NEVER KNOW IT ALL! With that said, make it a point to never stop learning. School never ends. Don't think that once you graduate to Heaven you will stop learning. Eternity still holds classes!!!!

It can be a very complicated and painful ordeal to confront the Pride of knowledge, learning and education. Normally pride essentially affects the identity of an individual or group. However, this type of pride doesn't merely inflate identity. It actually finds its roots in the human conscience. The human conscience is that many-faceted part of the inner person containing many critical aspects of the human including the belief systems and what one considers to be truth, whether it's right or wrong. So when dealing with this form of pride one must first determine what belief systems have been built into the conscience of the person or group. Then once these are discovered, those beliefs must be accessed to determine if they're really Biblical truth or not. This can be a serious matter especially if the emerging opinions of the individual are built on presupposition or philosophies, and not thorough, accurate Bible study. Proverbs 18:13 states that the person who presumptuously speaks about things they haven't studied or listened to is a fool. Pride and the fool are generally one in the same.

Prov 18:13 He that answereth a matter before he heareth it, it is folly and shame unto him. KJV

Inevitably such persons defend the lies as truth and believe it is a matter of identity, when in fact, it is a direct result of presumptuous, unfounded belief. A wrong set of beliefs and convictions, considered to be truth, can produce a militant hostility very unbecoming to genuine faith. The Christian constantly has a choice to listen, study, learn and grow, or not. This is a lifetime journey. But when believers are deeply settled in the beliefs that they consider to be truth that aren't actually truth and they aren't open

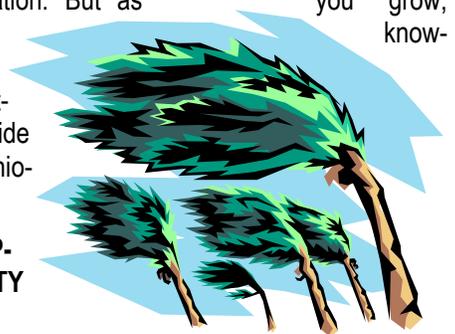
to listening to new and different, but accurate Biblical truths, such as the confrontation of Greek Philosophy on Christianity, then pride will lift its ugly, mean head and strife results. This type of behavior is indicative of foolishness and shame. Sadly those persons defending faulty beliefs, because of pride, are incapable of accurately hearing the voice of God and foolishly perpetrate division, hostility and exclusivism.

Many years ago, while chatting with a good friend and recognized ministry leader, he challenged me about some passages of Scriptures often used to silence women in ministry. I responded to his comments saying I didn't want to lose his friendship, nor did I want to disobey God's call on my life. Then I asked him if he'd ever really studied the background of those verses and the words from the ancient Greek. Chuckling, he looked at me and said, "Well no I haven't." I responded, "Well, then how can we discuss this until that happens." We laughed and dropped it, and have remained friends to this day, although I don't know whether he's ever studied those things or himself. I have learned that once people believe a certain way, even if they could learn a different angle, they seldom choose to change their view, even when it's truth.

The pride of knowledge, imaginations, education and learning is by far one of the most crippling forms of pride that I know of. It's been suggested that the average human being and the Christian, willfully stops learning by their mid-forties. God protect us from such a regression. This most damaging pride affects both young and old leading to eventual greater sins. Thankfulness and praise dies once the pride of knowledge and imaginations desensitizes the human spirit making it un-teachable. Un-teachable, opinionated attitudes are a clear indicator of this type of pride and are disgusting. Guard your heart from this numbing death and take aggressive action with your mind, your imaginations and ability to learn. You never know it all and you'll not possess every revelation. But as you grow, every bit of Biblical knowledge you encounter can be a door to greater understanding if pride doesn't set in and opinionated-ness takes over.

PRIDE OF SUPPOSED SPIRITUALITY OR RELIGIOUSITY

Probably one of the most difficult forms of pride to confront and deal with is the one that embraces an unhealthy appraisal of one's actual ability and anointing. We tend to swing from one extreme to the other when dealing with this. People are either extremely insecure, lacking confidence in who they are in Christ, and what their gifting actually is, or they think more highly of themselves than they should and fail to recognize the limits of the measure of their gifting and spiritual calling.



Romans 12:3 For I say, through **the grace** given unto me, to every man that is among you, **not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think**; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man **the measure of faith**.KJV

Do you realistically know what your talents, spiritual gifts and callings are? Though there are at least 10 definitions for grace, but grace in this context is defined as abilities given by God. Each believer has received a certain portion of God-given spiritual gifting matched by callings and purpose. Personality and experience also weigh heavily on how these things are put into action. The development of those apportionments is possible so that in affect we can be all that God has called us to be according to His purpose for us as individuals. But in order for those things to occur, a right and healthy assessment of those gifts must be determined. Persons struggling with carnal ambition, human expectation and self-will won't see these gifts demonstrated and will be frustrated with who they are or what they can't seem to become.

Spiritual pride is an expression of self-deception.

People who don't rightly and humbly discern their actual gifting and then as a result attempt to be more than what they're gifted to be, readily fall into a trap unknowingly becoming vehicles of deception for others. Over the past number of years, perhaps because I've gotten older, or very possibly because it's becoming a real problem, I'm increasingly aware of an unusual and obvious spiritual pride in persons who are identified in the Bible as NOVICES. More and more frequently I'm encountering a disturbing increase amongst believers, young and old alike, yet who've not had a thorough balance of Biblical training, and who are rude, confrontive and disrespectful to seasoned ministers. Their manner is often argumentative, being arrogantly disagreeable about minor issues and doctrines that they're untaught in, but opinionated about. I wonder if this trend is on the rise because of how freely people voice their opinions through blogging and other social networking media without recognizing the age old of practices of self-restraint and teachable spirit. Spiritual pride revels in that type of climate. Honor disintegrates where pride begins.

A novice is basically a young believer, untaught in basic doctrines, although they think they've been taught and mature. The Greek word "neophyte", translated as novice describes a young convert, or someone newly planted, like a young sapling palm tree, still bendable and fragile. Naturally speaking, saplings whip about in the wind and can cause a lot of pain to near bystanders. The same principle applies to spiritual novices. Novices tend to be very opinionated, condescending to older more mature believers and leaders, very easily provoked over what they naively believe to be truth and doctrine (even though they've never been educated in full). Their impetuous, impatient nature makes them

Religious pride begins with the idea that human beings are their own saviors & don't need Jesus!

question and challenge people they believe to be less knowledgeable than themselves, and they will attempt to advise everyone they come into contact. They're often presumptuous in speaking in the Lord's name and will "prophe-lie" without any conscience or consideration for what they say, frequently overpowering younger and weaker personalities in order to make themselves to be heard. Because of this they cause strife, stir up suspicion and damage the genuine works of God. They're untaught, unqualified and yet believe they know what you need to do, say and be, whilst themselves ignorant of the bigger picture and complete knowledge.

1Ti 3:6 Not a novice, lest being lifted up with **pride** he fall into the condemnation of the devil.

1Ti 6:4 He is **proud**, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings,

Looking at another possible angle of spiritual pride, a prime Biblical example was demonstrated by the various categories of religious leadership as lived out by the Pharisees and Sadducees. Luke 18 reveals the arrogant prayer of the Pharisee as

he professed himself to be spiritually superior to the other people he judged as less righteous. Blind to such self-righteousness, religiosity becomes a back door to spiritual arrogance.

Luke 18:11 The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican.KJV

Romans 11:20 Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear.KJV

Romans 11:25 For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.KJV

Spiritual pride is dangerous on many levels. Paul the apostle warned the Gentile church of it, and yet, even so it still affects a great majority of the western church having been influenced by a doctrine known as "Replacement Theology" a teaching that fosters a hatred of Israel and the Jews, believing that the Gentile Church has replaced the Natural seed of Abraham.

Galatians 6:3 For if a man **think himself to be something**, when he is nothing, **he deceiveth himself**.KJV

Philippians 2:3 Let nothing be done through **strife** or **vainglory**; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves

Romans 12:16 Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. **Be not wise in your own conceits**.KJV

It's no wonder then that religious pride is one of the most powerful foes of evangelism, the ministry of salvation and receiving the New Birth. It prevents the gospel, even repelling it, because those who have religious pride believe that their "good works" and "attempts at good living" are sufficient for their acceptance by God. They may be Christian in name and actions but not conversion; because they arrogantly believe they don't need to be transformed by God. This attitude alone smacks of a pride

originating from the idea that human beings can be their own saviors and don't need Jesus, the work of the cross, the shed blood for the remission of sin and the Bible as absolute truth. It's becoming increasingly the frame of mind by all who live in our society inside and outside of all expressions of Christianity.

Having considered some of the most significant types of pride identified in Scripture we need to examine our hearts and ask God, "What type of pride is in my life?" Do you want to really repent of it? Do you want God to expose the various roots associated with it? Will you run away from facing things that challenge your comfort zones or will you seek to learn what needs to change? These questions must be answered if change can come.

The next article in this series will address a serious problem faced by many when dealing with pride. All too often, because of numerous factors, people are accused of being proud when in fact pride is not the problem. Have you been accused of being proud and yet can't seem to get victory over it? If so, this next article will be of tremendous help to you.

CURRENT MINISTRY PROJECTS

NEW BOOKS

Dr Winslow is presently working on several literary projects. The completion of the final edits of the Revival Study Bible will be tentatively completed by the end of February 2010. The official launch date will be held initially in Singapore during the first week of September of 2010. Four other literary projects are the primary focus of Dr. Winslow's efforts. Progress has been made on the following books. "Understanding the Foundations of Nations and Generations" "The Fear of the Lord" "The Revivalist" and "The Revival Study Bible Study Guide". Each of these books has required incredible amounts of research, so much so, that Dr. Winslow has not been traveling for speaking engagements. This means that she has not been able to generate the income from speaking engagements that support the financial needs of the ministry. If you pray for her as she completes these books, please also pray for the finances to be released to enable her to finish that work. These books need to be released as soon as possible.

REBUILDING THE WEBSITE

With the help of several gifted and kind, computer-savvy individuals www.tamarawinslow.com will soon have a new format and face. This updated and modernized website will be much more user friendly. Be watching for these changes and check the website out.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

February –April -Writing new books, new curriculum & music

April 15th-19th Biblical Perspectives on Healing Seminar- Institute Cornelius House Ministry House, Colorado Springs, Colorado- Application & Acceptance letter mandatory

May 3rd-10th - Womens' International Ministries Network Conference "Seasons of Destiny", Resurrection Life Church, Eden Prairie, MN. Dr. Sharon Predovich.

May 31st Michael & Tamara Winslow's 30th Wedding Anniversary

June- Singapore- Wisdom in the Workplace Level 3 and other seminars

July 15th- July 31st -- Institute Level One course- Application & Acceptance letter mandatory

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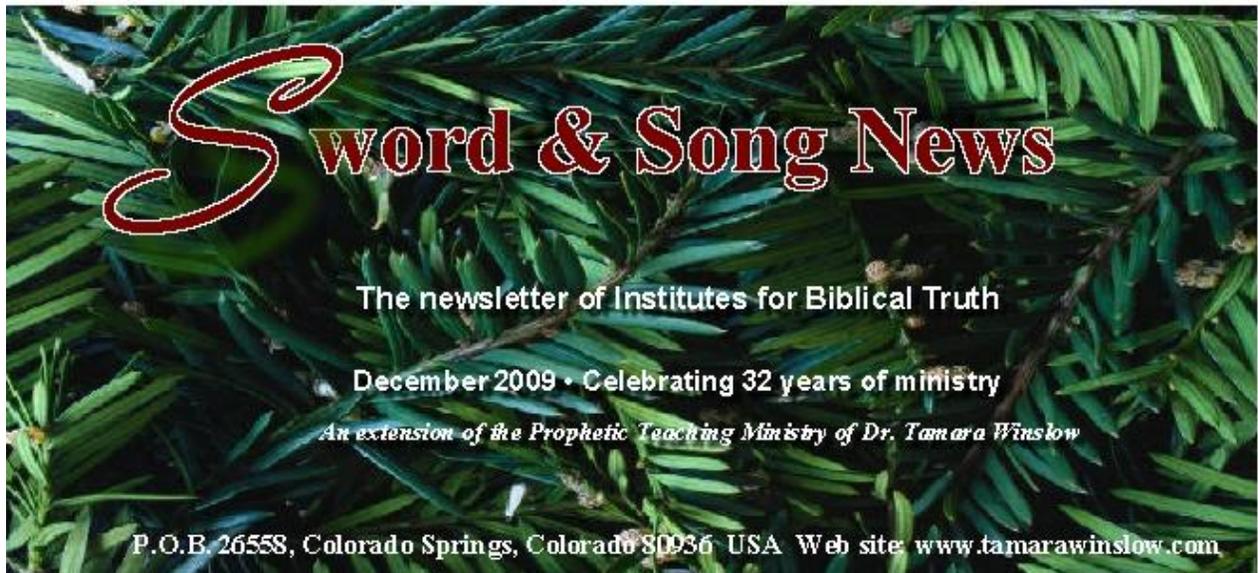
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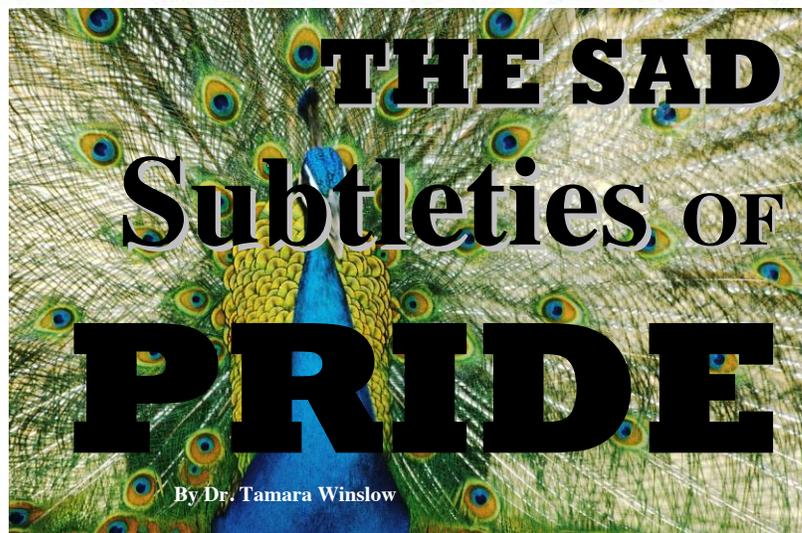


AN ABSENCE OF HONOR

2 Thessalonians 2:7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. (KJV)

The Bible Study was set to begin at 7:00 p.m. and the leader had spent many prayerful, studious hours preparing for the message, in spite of the smallness of the gathering. This particular message was extremely important and timely. Thankfully, most of the regular participants had phoned ahead as to whether they'd be on time or canceling if they couldn't come. Around 6:50 p.m. they began to trickle in and all took their places around the dining room table, eager to begin. One of the participants, almost always late, still hadn't showed up. Not wanting to keep the group any later than necessary, the leader began the teaching. He was frustrated. Tardiness was just one of the symptoms originating out of subtle, arrogant, disrespect all too often displayed by this individual. Her behavior smacked of disregard for the seriousness of these crucial studies and slighted the time he as the leader had invested into the study material. Regrettably, he knew this was becoming an all too common sign of the times.

Earlier, back at her home, the consistently dawdling young woman was scheduled to be at the study group but casually glanced at the clock on her bedroom dresser and saw it was 6:55 p.m. She knew it would take at least ten minutes driving time to get to the meeting, but she hadn't finished doing her hair. Besides it was *just* another Bible study. She was tired. It had been a busy week and all day she'd focused on herself. Everyone would just have to understand. After all, what did it matter if she was late? Everyone knew she was just this way. Eventually she got



in her car, pleased with how her hair looked, and drove to the meeting that was well on into the message. She'd already missed the first twenty minutes. Walking in, she quickly found a seat, silently expecting someone else to help her catch up while at the same time distracting everyone by her delayed arrival and misplaced expectations. She acted oblivious to the attitude quietly simmering around her and dismissed the leader's displeased look and the group's annoyance as "their problem." They needed to just "get over it." If they didn't want to acquiesce to her personality and ways she would simply cut them off. She didn't need to get entangled into their insensitivity to her life's needs. Sadly, what she, with many like her today do not recognize is that all these seemingly insignificant behaviors are, in fact, minute building blocks of pride. This increasing, sinful pride produces an absence of honor and is one of the primary reasons for the mystery of lawlessness at work in our world.

For nearly 25 years I've studied the Scriptures, attempted to explain, and endeavored to expose, the subject of the Mystery of Lawlessness. Yet even after intense investigation, I always feel like I fail to completely hit the bull's eye. Furthermore, I've taught how lawlessness is an ancient, satanic mystery employed to subtly and gradually remove all types of boundaries in different nations, cultures, and Christian circles. I've done my best to explain why it operates and what is currently happening in its deadly, unrecognized, and unsettling, wake. However, in the past two years, even after all the previous years of research and prayer, I believe I've discovered a root for the reason for this mystery and feel at this point in time I must write to clarify it. Please let me explain.

One troublesome, nagging question has bothered me for many years: Why is the mystery of lawlessness able to function with such unrecognized ferociousness in the Church, manifesting in everyday Christian life, affecting ministry, the gifts of the Spirit, human behavior, all areas of relationship, and of course, disturbing general society? This question has relentlessly taunted me. No matter how clearly I'd teach about it, people still didn't get what I was saying, and continued on in their lawless, pseudo-merry way. Some listeners would smugly smile and arrogantly state that, personally, they had no problem with lawlessness. Alas, those same individuals exhibited some of the greatest extremes of lawlessness' characteristics. After long hours of study and careful observation of human behavior, I believe I've discovered the root reason lawlessness is able to thrive and manifest in and outside the Church. It is my hope that in this series of articles this root can be exposed and some sort of strategy can be assembled to help any saint that wants to hear to overcome it.

Originally, in the early development of these teachings, I surmised that the reason lawlessness has been able to flourish is because of the lack of the fear of the Lord in and outside the Church. I still believe that this is *one* of the reasons. However, there is something even more fundamental than the fear of God at the root of why the Mystery of Lawlessness is increasingly dominant, and that awful ugly root can only be identified as pride. Now this may simply seem all too obvious, but the pride manifesting in the time before Christ's return will be unique in that it will destroy all forms of honor and foster a permeating corporate attitude that disdains repentance, confession of sin, and most significantly, will strip away true Christian love. The fear of God cannot be practiced if the ability and the quality of humble honor are non-existent. Humility

shines through loving honor and seeks to establish and maintain all the protective boundaries that lawlessness tears down. It is becoming more and more obvious that self-honor, or pride, has corrupted all aspects of humanity. It is one of the most ancient of sinful behaviors, originating with the darkest center of satanic nature. Therefore, if lawlessness is to be exposed and personally defeated, pride's subtle, strategic intent must be exposed. This series of articles, understandably no small task, will attempt to define, examine, and dismantle the work of pride affecting us all.

THE INEVITABLE REFRIGERATION OF LOVE

[Matt 24:12](#) And the love of the great body of people will grow cold because of the multiplied lawlessness and iniquity, [13](#) But he who endures to the end will be saved. (AMP)

Love has steadily refrigerated while pride has effectively fanned flames of lust and selfishness. Jesus specifically warned about this "End Times" condition. The only means of combating this is for us as believers to love one another unconditionally and without agenda. Pride, often masked by religious and seemingly spiritual conversation, seeks for superiority. It also often hides behind rejection because in attempting to feel superior and more important, a buried cry for feeling loved exists.

[Rom 5:5](#) And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us. (KJV)

Once a person is born again and the Holy Spirit takes up residence in the believing heart, love--God's love--rushes in, anticipating human expression. Therefore, there is no excuse for not loving, but pride manages to blind multitudes of believers, causing them to live contrary to the truth of the love that God has already deposited into the human heart by the Spirit. Love, one of the foremost fruits of the Spirit/spirit, stands in stark contrast to the proud works of the flesh mentioned in Galatians 5.

[John 13:33](#) Little children, yet a little while I am with you. Ye shall seek me: and as I said unto the Jews, Whither I go, ye cannot come; so now I say to you.³⁴ A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.³⁵ By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another. (KJV)

[John 15:17](#) This is what I command you: that you love one another (AMP)

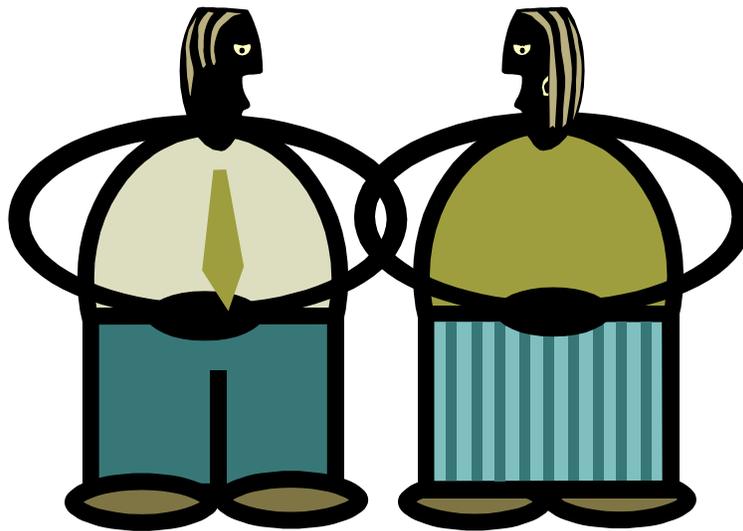
[Gal 5:22](#) But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith. (KJV)

Love, agape love, encompasses a wide assortment of synonyms, including honor and respect. Functionally described in 1 Corinthians 13, it exemplifies the exact opposite of all that pride boasts. In order to introduce this series, before diving into an exposure of what pride is, it is necessary that love is brought to the forefront so that the ugly contrast of pride is obvious. Pride is simply sneaky. We must unravel its awfulness by comparing it to what real Christianity looks like.

1 Cor 13:1 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal 2 And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.4 Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,5 Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;6 Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;7 Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.8 Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.9 For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.10 But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.11 When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.12 For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.13 And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity. (KJV)

In addition to this, to prevent a soppy, incorrect understanding of what love is as well as avoid the counterfeit expression of love that pride enjoys religiously couching itself in, let's look at what Biblical lexicons define as agape.

Spiros Zodhiates, in the Hebrew-Greek Key Bible Study Bible Lexicon, defines agape love as a love that is benevolent. This benevolence isn't shown by doing what the person being loved desires, but is given according to what the one who loves deems is needed by the one loved, according to God's character. For example, God so loved the world that He gave. Hence, He didn't give humanity what it wanted. He gave Jesus and thereby reached into the root need. In fact, His love enacted the greatest example of humility, in laying His life down by choosing to associate with those who didn't deserve all that Heaven could afford. Love is God's willful direction toward man. Consequently, true Christian love indicates a direction of will, not just a feeling. True godly love gives people what they need, not just what they want or what they feel they must have based on culture, history, and



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personality. However, godly love is not condescending, isolating or superior in attitude. Thus, love is not proud.

Love is also a fulfillment of the Law in all aspects. Legalism and lawlessness link arms and mock genuine love because of religious pride. Therefore, lawlessness finds its roots in the proud attitude of doing whatever feels good at the moment, without considering the affects of what one does to others. This does not mean we sacrifice our personal holiness and compromise for the sake of "association." However, love inspires caring saints to the deep motivation whereby they lift one another to higher heights in Christ, without conveying superiority and condescension. Hence, if we choose to love, we practice kindness and abhor selfishness. If we choose to love, we are more concerned about the depth of the ongoing relationships dear to us rather than how to be "perfect and look spiritual" or "do our ministries and work."

Rom 13:8 Owe no man anything, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.9 For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself 10 Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of

the law. (KJV)

Matt 22:36 Master, which is the great commandment in the law?37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.38 This is the first and great commandment. 39 And the second is like unto it, **Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.** 40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. (KJV)

1 Cor 13:4 Love endures long and is patient and kind; love never is envious nor boils over with jealousy, is not boastful or vainglorious, does not display itself haughtily.5 It is not conceited (arrogant and inflated with pride); it is not rude (unmannerly) and does not act unbecomingly. Love (God's love in us) does not insist on its own rights or its own way, for it is not self-seeking; it is not touchy or fretful or resentful; it takes no account of the evil done to it [it pays no attention to a suffered wrong]. (AMP)

LOVE IS- NOT PROUD

First Corinthians 13:4-5 reveals that love is kind. Therefore, a loving person practices gentleness and endeavors to practice helpfulness on all sides.

Agape also doesn't boast or demonstrate braggadocious behavior, communications or attitudes. As a result, true spiritual maturity is manifested accordingly and finds the slightest hint of self-acclaimed spirituality repulsive. In order to fulfill this maturation, love restrains all potentially harmful behaviors, words, communications, attitudes, and looks. Pride, however, is blind to such things. It behaves and communicates inappropriately whenever it feels the whim.

First Corinthians goes on to say that love doesn't seek its own way. This essentially means that it isn't selfish. Pride exhibits selfish, demanding, and rude mannerisms and is only concerned about "me, myself, and I." When love is absent and pride sits on the throne of the heart, religious and self-serving spiritual demands take over, often seeming very sincerely "after God" when, in reality, the spirituality is rooted in self-righteousness, not caring about anyone else. As a child attending a summer Bible camp I was taught that the letter "I" is in the middle of the English words "sin" and "pride". We need to ask ourselves whether we live for others or for ourselves first.

So what do the Scriptures have to say about pride? How is it defined? How does it begin? What does it do? What are its fruits? Who does it affect? When does it occur? How can we prevent it? How does God consider and deal with it?

All these questions and more need to be considered and answered if at all possible. One thing is for certain: No one is exempt from its deceptions, and repentance for it is constant. So let's begin!

Pride is a complicated Biblical subject to study because there are twenty-nine separate Hebrew words and four Greek words that can be translated as pride and its synonyms. Furthermore, these same words can also refer to some positive aspects of condition and emotion that must be distinguished from the ungodly behavior we need to expose.

Many years ago, while teaching a series of Sunday night messages for the church we were attending at the time, I spoke one evening on the subject of the root of pride. The service was very well attended but, unbeknownst to me, several married couples on the verge of either separating or in the last stages of divorce sat in the congregation, unaware that their spouse was also in the sanctuary. After having taught the message, the Holy Spirit hovered over the congregation. People began to repent in response to God's word and convicting presence. Once the service was over, the dismissed listeners meandered towards the rear of the church. Later I learned that the individuals on the verge of divorce spotted their spouses and, of their own volition, repented to each other for the pride that had nearly killed their relationships. The marriages were saved. To my shock, when meeting with two of those couples the following week, the couples confessed that they had never realized that pride was a sin and it needed to be dealt with to save their marriage. I could hardly believe my ears. They simply did not know that pride was wrong.



We face a real dilemma in the modern Church because well meaning, generally Baby-boomer leaders have placed such an emphasis on finding identity and always being positive, independent, and confident, that we've neglected to define the difference between haughty, arrogant, pride, and genuine confidence in who God has made us to be. I'm very concerned that this unhealthy, "soulless" emphasis has bred a self-willed unrepentant attitude throughout the past century that could soon emerge in a unified hostile

determination that could prevent the reception of the Gospel in many nations. Now please understand, I know for certain that the sovereign unction of the convicting work of the Holy Spirit and the power of anointed preaching of God's word can turn the hardest of hearts. But, the difficulty is that pride has gained such a grip, even

on those who minister the Word, that unless repentance occurs in those who preach, their messages will be increasingly based on pop-psychology and feel good philosophies. Pride must be defined and exposed if this is to change.

Perhaps the best way to define pride is to list the synonyms related to it and then explain the other definitions of the translations of the Hebrew and Greek words so we can differentiate between godly confidence and ungodly arrogance.

Please look at these charts listing the synonyms to see the difficulty and see what the comparisons of the Hebrew and Greek definitions reveal concerning pride.

**DEFINITIONS & SYNONYMS FOR
UNGODLY PRIDE AS CONNECTED TO
THE TRANSLATION OF THE HEBREW &
GREEK WORDS**

Pride, proud Haughty, haughtily
Arrogant, arrogance, arrogantly, to deal arrogantly
Height, high, highness Loftiness, lofty Elevated
Powerful Raging Noble, nobles
Exalt, exalted, exalting, exalted in station
Excellent, excellence Pomp Swelling
Lift up, lifting up, lifted up
Presumptuous, presumptuously, act presumptuously
To raise To be tall
Appear conspicuously above others Braggadocio
Self-confidence Inflate with self-conceit
High-minded To boil, to boil up, to seethe
To act rebelliously to deal arrogantly To act insolently
Broad, large, at liberty, wide
Great in any sense, Large (in magnitude and extent), in
number, in intensity, loud (in sound), older (in age), in
importance
A blusterer Vain, Vainity To soar Mount up
To magnify oneself A snare (as of tied meshes)
To strut To be puffed up

The negative, ugly side of pride is basically described through the synonyms for pride as revealed in Scripture. The problem is that when there is a lack of understanding as to what true identity looks like, and how love should be displayed, humble confidence takes a brutal beating. It is undeniable that the human being must practice a godly form of confidence. However, if that confidence is rooted in the attitudes associated with ungodly pride, then confidence quickly sours, becoming fleshly and self-serving.

The difference between the ungodly and godly forms of "pride" is determined by certain attitudes. Satanically inspired pride causes the soul to exalt and lift one's self

above others for the purpose of acclaim, position, power, spirituality, and greatness. It believes that the higher one climbs the more success and greatness one has, therefore reinforcing attitudes that encourage boasting, presumptuous behaviors, lying, angry, loud outbursts, selfish actions, and rebellion to all authorities, without conscience of action. Satanic pride seeks to ensnare those lower than itself and struts like a lion, conceited and insensitive to everyone it comes into contact with, and crushes. One can see that this is the exact opposite of how love operates. Hence, pride is the epitome of a corrupted ego.

The Scriptures, however, also reveal numerous instances where humble individuals or nations are described as

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Noble, nobles

proud or exalted but without the trappings of the sinful character we often associate with pride. This type

of "pride" or "greatness" is directly linked to God's favor and the human expression of agape confidently manifested through healthy faith.

Pride is extremely difficult to confront because it hides behind attitudes as well as countless vices, and employs self-deception. But once the absence of love becomes obvious, pride can be exposed and its deceptions unraveled, to set the people free.

It is difficult to expose this root without causing reactions swinging from one extreme to another, all equally dangerous. For example, pride can mean "excellence." So does this mean that if we do things excellently we're in

danger of becoming proud? Yes and no!! If the motive for why you want something to be done in an excellent manner is for the glory of God, you are safe. But if you do something excellently because you want to be the best for the sake of feeling superior to others and are doing so for fear of how people will look at you and your work, then pride can easily gain entrance. It all goes back to motivation.

How then do we define the sin of ungodly pride?

Pride is a deceptive attitude with corroborating actions that demonstrate self-exaltation, superiority and seeking a sense of importance over others- spiritually, relationally, vocationally, and financially- while disregarding Jesus as Lord, love, authority structures, policies, boundaries, and the needs of others. It Edges God Out, inflated by EGO, eventually alienating people for the purpose of accomplishing self-serving goals, even in the name of pursuing greater spirituality. It is the manifest presence of satanic nature.

**E- Edging
G- God
O- Out**

We can see that this is a disturbing, complicated and far-reaching study. But understanding this is of utmost importance if we're to see a genuine and lasting move of God. Pride can begin in the most subtle ways: age, knowledge, "hot-house faith communities," wealth and stature, etc. In the next article we will look at the categories and types of pride identified in Scripture. Until then, examine your heart and consider how you can be more humbly loving!!!

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MEET THE STAFF! Phill & Kris Jones

By Kris Jones

Shalom from our new home in Colorado Springs! It's our latest dwelling in a series of temporary living spaces since we got married in January 2008. Before marrying, the Lord had led me (Kris) to study the life of Sarah and one thing that stood out was that she and Abraham "lived in tents" (Hebr. 11:9), i.e., they were mobile! And that has been the case with us. Much of our time together we've felt like Abraham, making our home here or there by faith, until the Lord moved us on. Now that we're here, we hope to stay awhile...



To let you know a bit about us:

Phill was born and raised in England's midlands, where he studied photography, film, and video production before attending university and completing a certificate in psychiatric nursing. After working in that field for several years, he found the Lord one night while reading his grandfather's bible and his whole life changed. One day, in Spain, he saw a newsletter on the coffee table from a ministry in Israel that reached out to drug addicts and alcoholics. He thought perhaps the Lord could use him somewhere like that and wrote to them. That's how he, a relative babe in the Lord, ended up in Israel as a volunteer and then an intern in a young men's leadership training program, *Dor Elisha* (the Elisha Generation). He spent three and a half years on Mt. Carmel in the hot sun, being discipled and learning the ways of God while serving at the local congregation, Carmel Assembly, and its adjoining ministry center. He had opportunities there to share in community devotions, come alongside young men struggling with various issues, and be a blessing to the children of the Sudanese refugees residing in the women's refuge. We met there in 2005, and over time, became best friends!

Kris was born and raised in the Seattle area to parents who were in full-time ministry most of her life. After working as a professional librarian in an art college for nine years, she yearned to serve the Lord in a more active way and, in particular, to do something with the love for Israel that God had put in her heart years before. In 2003 she went to Israel to volunteer at Carmel Assembly and the Mt. Carmel School of Ministry, where she remained as the SOM administrator for five years. God called us together as a couple in 2007 and we stayed in Israel until late 2008. It was an incredible privilege to serve Him in His land, among His chosen people, seeing the promises and purposes of God being fulfilled before our eyes. We saw

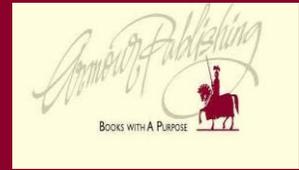
people's lives transformed by revelatory teaching, new believers matured in their faith, Jews and Arabs worshipping together as "one new man" in Messiah, and more Jewish people come to the Lord than has been seen since the first century! Life in Israel stretched our faith and caused us to grow in the Lord like never before. We enjoyed being part of a community of believers, learning and serving, being part of what God is doing in these last days. At a certain point, the door began to close and it was clear that our season in Israel was coming to an end. But, what next?

We "happened" to meet Dr. Winslow just prior to having visa problems and all three of us felt the Lord's leading to work together. Within six weeks, our visas ran out (which we weren't able to renew) and we came to the United States. Of course, Phill had to get a visa to remain in the U.S. and this took six months of patient waiting. As always, the Lord provided for every need and answered our big questions about the future. He told us we were going to put down roots and be fruitful. After Phill received his green card and we had confirmation to work with Dr. Winslow, we moved to Colorado in July 2009. Since then, Phill has been fixing up the ministry properties as well as working on Dr. Winslow's audio teaching library, editing and duplicating messages. Kris has been doing research and proofreading for Dr. Winslow, in addition to taking a course in indexing, a skill she hopes to use in Dr. Winslow's future publishing company. Our desire is to lighten Dr. Winslow's load by taking on tasks that will free her up to focus on studying, writing, and other things the Lord's put on her heart to do. We've seen the fruit of Dr. Winslow's teaching and example in others' lives and aim to help her further the ministry in this next season of growth. Our tent is pitched here!

NOTE FROM DR. WINSLOW - *A Revival of wedding gifts!*

Nearly two years ago Alan Langstaff gave me a prophetic word that God was going to start sending me helpers. Phill and Kris are fulfilling that word. This couple has made great sacrifices to come and work with me. Still newlyweds when they left Israel, they left behind the majority of their wedding gifts. It is my hope that the saints who read this might want to shower this couple with a revival of wedding gifts as a sign of God's mercy poured out for their faithful obedience. Please seek God if you're to do anything toward this goal. Thank you!

THE REVIVAL STUDY BIBLE



Early 2010

Many years ago I received a phone call from Revivalist historian, Winkie Pratney, asking me if I would consider contributing study notes, articles and a unique Chain Reference study system for a project being titled The Revival Study Bible. Thus the work began in developing this historic study tool soon to be released. The story behind this work is nothing short of miraculous and a visible demonstration of God's reviving power.

A great deal of the writing and organization of the Study Bible had been completed when, sadly, the project was shelved and looked like it would never become a reality. Winkie Pratney talked to numerous publishers but nothing seemed to open up for the Bible's publication. Then about two years ago, in March, while ministering to Church of Our Savior, a large congregation in Singapore pastored by Derek Hong, God began to revive the work. After I had spoken in the Sunday services, Pastor Derek asked me about the Study Bible and wondered when it could be expected to come out. I shared with him the situation. Having heard that, he asked, "Why couldn't it be published in Singapore?" From that moment the waters began to stir, and like the lame man lying by the pool at Bethesda, God put the project back on its feet and it's now getting ready to run all around the world.

Pastor Steve Hill, renowned evangelist from the historic Brownsville, Florida revival; Winkie Pratney; and myself (Dr. Tamara Winslow) are currently working as the editors in collaboration with Armour Publishing of Singapore to see the long awaited completion of this Bible. Countless hours of editing notes, articles and study chains, proofing,

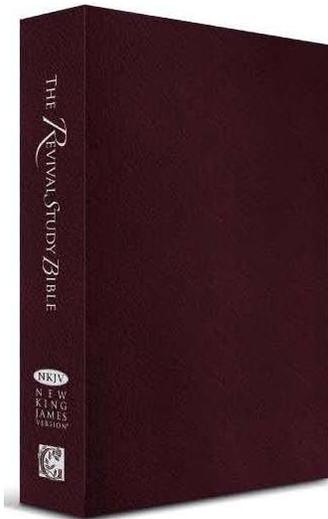
re-editing, and more proofing have been accomplished in the past several months. Although this process has been extremely challenging, we are beginning to see the light at the end of the tunnel and the Revival Study Bible is scheduled to launch sometime in early 2010. Formal book launches are being planned in Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, the US, and other countries, with teaching and evangelistic events being organized as well.

We will soon be taking orders for the Revival Study Bible through our individual ministries and, of course, Armour Publishing. The estimated cost of the Bible, excluding shipping, will be \$ 85.00 USD. Please be watching my website for more ordering information.

I'm not aware of any other Study Bible available in today's Christian market that can compare to what this tool contains, such as the in-depth research materials, footnotes, historic testimonies, chain

references keyed according to the many different types of revival, and vital subjects related to revival, such as the anointing. It is a study resource you won't want to miss out on!

Please be praying with us as we enter the final stages of this "revived" Revival Study Bible. The intensity of spiritual warfare surrounding us as editors has been unusually strong. Completing the proofing has required unbelievable amounts of time for all of us. We are committed to seeing this through to the completion because we believe and can sense the impact it will bring to the Church globally.



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Gasping, nearly breathless, a good-looking grimy faced teenage boy scampered through the military base camp of Israel. Deliberately dodging heaps of assorted weapons, armor, and annoyed soldiers, the boy scanned the multitude of grubby men trying to find his brothers who'd followed King Saul to battle against the Philistines. Spotting them he zigzagged his way toward them to explain that he'd brought them provisions from their father. Their conversation was abruptly interrupted when Goliath, the gargantuan Philistine warrior bellowed blasphemies at the God of Israel at the same time mocking the terrified soldiers of Saul. The boy listened intently as the worried men surrounding him voiced their distress, in chorus declaring that whoever conquered the monster would reap rewards beyond imagination. Unaware of how ridiculous he must have sounded, the boy David bravely confronted them with the truths they craved to hear reminding them that this oversized opponent defied God and should be dealt with severely. Oblivious of how his words had been interpreted, he suddenly found himself the focus of angry rebuke as his elder brother accused him unjustly of irresponsibility and possessing a proud heartfelt motivation to see the battle. Painfully acquainted with his brother's condescending judgments, an unaffected David disregarded the rebuke and repeated his previous remarks to those listening around him. Eager to hear promising words and desperate for a deliverer, his courageous statements reached King Saul's ears that welcomed the lad with mixed feelings and hope. This is a familiar story that ended in triumph. But one must ask: what would have happened had David yielded to the judgmental accusations of his brother? He had been accused of pride and yet in reality he demonstrated this wonderful example of faithful confidence at the same time denying the enemy the right to blaspheme the God of Israel. Would the Philistines have conquered the Israelites?

There are numerous biblical examples that exhibit similar scenarios when someone was accused of being proud whilst in actuality that person was innocent. This kind of blame casting occurs as frequently in contemporary times as it did long ago.

ACCUSED OF PRIDE

Part Three of
"THE SAD SUBTLIES OF PRIDE"
By Dr. Tamara Winslow



*Is Pride really
the problem?*

Pride is very difficult to confront because often what may seem to be egotistical behaviors, words and attitudes to one person will not mean the same thing to someone else. In other words, what one person interprets as pride, another judges as confidence. So who is right? It's hard to say. This means that be-

1 Sam 17: 28 And Eliab his eldest brother heard when he spake unto the men; and Eliab's anger was kindled against David, and he said, Why camest thou down hither? and with whom hast thou left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know thy pride, and the naughtiness of thine heart; for thou art come down that thou mightest see the battle. 29 And David said, What have I now done? Is there not a cause? 30 And he turned from him toward another, and spake after the same manner: and the people answered him again after the former manner. 31 And when the words were heard which David spake, they rehearsed them before Saul: and he sent for him. 32 And David said to Saul, Let no man's heart fail because of him; thy servant will go and fight with this Philistine. 33 And Saul said to David, Thou art not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him: for thou art but a youth, and he a man of war from his youth. KJV

fore we define pride in future articles and describe how it manifests we must first expose the conditions and behaviors that appear as if they are pride or are the root for alleged proud characteristics.

A number of years ago when taking an Institute class through the curriculum that defines, exposes and provides understanding on how to expel pride from their lives a reaction occurred that had not happened before. At the end of the class, one of the students, a seasoned ministry leader, commented that she had often been accused of being proud and needed to forgive the people who had accused her. Several of the other students painfully related their own stories of the judgments that they had personally faced. I realized then and there that it is very difficult to teach about what pride is, how it works and the need



to repent of it if there isn't clarification on how people may accuse you of pride when pride isn't present. This is what we're going to examine in this article. I must state, however, that there are times

when we're confronted about our legitimate arrogant behaviors and when that is so we must humble ourselves, repent and change! Pride tends to cause a form of spiritual blindness and if you have been confronted about it, you may not recognize it for what it is because you can't always see it. This foe is a very sneaky enemy.

Accused of Pride!

In a future article we'll examine the origins, roots and causes for pride but in order to examine the reasons for why people are accused of pride we'll need to consider a few of these roots briefly. Some of the roots affect individual expression, personality, tone of voice, social skills and spiritual manifestations producing characteristics that look like pride but in truth pride is not the reason for the condition.

THE CAMOUFLAGED ROOT OF REJECTION

Rejection often masks itself by using defensive protective behaviors, words and attitudes that would normally be associated with pride. It is one of the reasons someone behaves in a way that seems like pride albeit it is not pride. This is especially true with adults who suffered childhood rejections, bullying, and verbal abuse and were singled out because of learning disabili-

ties, poverty, social dysfunctional behaviors and speech. When ministering to persons who demonstrate prideful manners I will quiz them to determine if they endured a traumatic childhood and faced peer rejection. In nearly every instance what was alleged to be pride was in fact the hidden root of rejecting camouflaged by lifelong defense mechanisms. Once exposed as to the reason for the supposed proud manners, the rejection was identified and healing could begin.

What looks like pride isn't always pride! When rejection is the cause for supposed proud behaviors a variety of extremes in conduct will generally occur.

COMMUNICATION DIFFICULTIES

Some personality types struggle with an inability to spontaneously identify what they feel and think. They're not good at responding to questions that require an emotional response and thought through communication. There is nothing wrong with them it's just not their forte. It takes them time to sort through, distinguish and finally identify what they want to say

about their feelings. Even then they find it extremely tough to articulate what is deeply rooted in them. This lag in their communication skills is often interpreted and judged as arrogance. As they can't respond immediately to what is asked of them they are viewed as being elusive and rude, when in fact they simply need time and space to discover their feelings and words.

TONE & INFLECTIONS OF VOICE

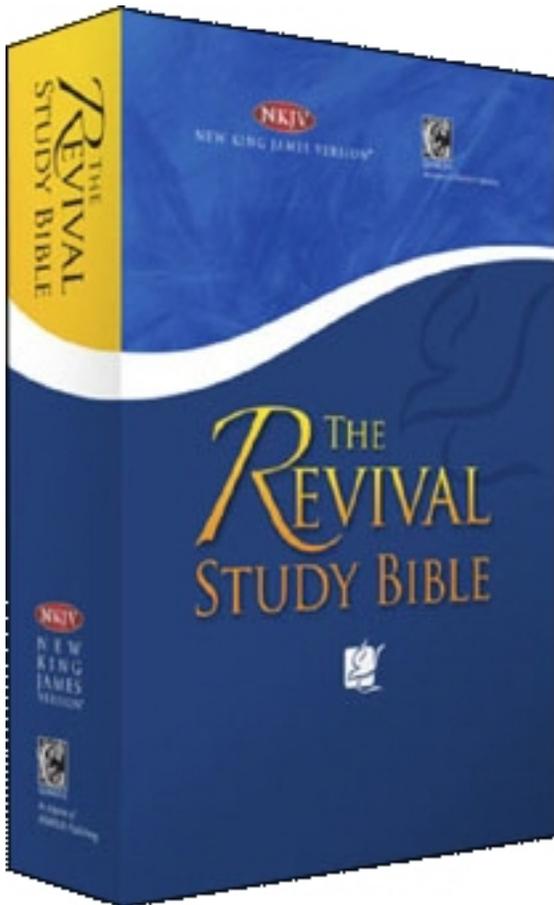
Controlling the tongue is like restraining the wind. It's very difficult. It's even more challenging to manage the tone and inflections of the voice. Many offenses occur when the tone of what is said is either misinterpreted or the tone comes out all wrong and not as intended. The best of apologies often miserably fail when trying to explain away the unintended, misspoken tone in the speech. Some people sound arrogant because the tone

of their voice gives that impression when in truth their tone could be due to breathing at the wrong time, stumbling while speaking or other accidental tonal affects. I don't know how many times through the years I have kicked myself because

BEHAVIORS THAT ATTRACT OR PRODUCE ACCUSATIONS OF PRIDE



1. The Root of Rejection
2. Inability to communicate what one feels and thinks because of personality struggles that hinder expression
3. Tone and inflections of voice
4. Disagreeing with a superior
Behaviors interpreted as rebellion to authority
5. Desiring to look nice, the best you can be and being interpreted as being vain. This would include Wealth, fine clothes, expensive possessions
6. Refusing to give away what you have simply because people want you to give it to them
7. Confidence in doing anything around others who do not have the same ability
8. Being multitalented, intelligent and skilful and not having a place to use those abilities around people who will appreciate them
9. Success, proven experience
Excessive talking, being too eager to share
10. Taking time away from people, separating yourself for a season
11. Sharing experiences. Knowledge, life, spiritual revelation etc with people who can't relate to it and to you. Excessive talking, being too eager to share



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how I said something was not how I intended it to sound. Ugh. It is by far one of the most awkward and difficult matters to explain and correct. Tone and inflections can be easily distorted by tiny incidences of life and should not be judged as proud so quickly.

DISAGREEING WITH OR KNOWING MORE THAN YOUR ELDERS AND SUPERIORS- BEHAVIORS INTERPRETED AS REBELLION TO AUTHORITIES

Many years ago something happened to me that radically affected my viewpoint on how to interact with older ministers. It happened when I attended a weekend ministry conference with several older women, one of which was a fairly well known prophetess from a nearby state. For some reason she took a disliking to me and made my life miserable during the entirety of the trip. I wanted to go home so badly but had no way to return because we all traveled in the same car when we went to the conference. Grateful the weekend was nearly over the four of us traveled back to our respective homes. The elder prophetess sat in the back seat beside me for the duration of the four hour journey and chattered on and on about great ministries of the past as if she knew them. Most of the time I attempted to nap, and the rest of the time I simply listened keeping my mouth shut for fear of being rebuked or made to feel stupid. As the time went on she began to speak about a well known but deceased minister of whom I had studied in depth saying all sorts of things that I knew were historically incorrect. She was so intense in her statements and influencing the other women with false ideas about the minister that I hesitantly decided to ask her where she learned those things as it was different from what I had read, using a mild tone of voice in order to be safe. To my shock she began to harshly rebuke me for my question and the factual information I had reported about reading in the research materials. Then to top it off she went into a "prophetic mode" prophe-lying that God would never have allowed that famous minister to have fallen into the sin that I had read about in the history books. Her so-called prophecies were manufactured in such a way to humiliate me and exalt herself as being right even though I knew she was wrong. She said I needed to be broken even when pride had nothing to do with why I spoke up, but it looked like it to her.

I've always attempted to honor my elders and respect those in a position of authority over me. My parents were staunch believers that children should not talk back with an arrogant know it all attitude to adults. But that experience taught me a vital lesson. Voicing disagreement, or making challenging comments to elders or persons in authority will almost always be

considered to be rebellious pride, unless you're dealing with an unusual individual.

Regrettably in many cases the pride of youth is all too often the reason for such behaviors, but sometimes, it isn't. I have come to realize and endured developing young leaders that are especially prone to such "self-justified" behaviors and would be wise to learn quickly about what their boundaries and authority actually is. Youthful pride justifies its so-called right to speak up, give opinions and correct the people that are in authority over them or senior. I believe this type of manner has increased because our current culture has encouraged everyone's right to speak without considering what are responsible and respectable behaviors. Honor has gone out the window in preference to "my right" to speak. In our attempts to honor in-



dividual expression we may have reinforced dishonor and selfishness. Sadly, even if the heart is humble and the elder or authority figures is easily offended, even the right statements and truth will be considered prideful.

CONFIDENCE

There is a huge difference between confidence and being overly confident or proud. Confidence operates with a sense of "I know I can do" but humbly realizes that others can too. It is not condescending,

filled with faith and thrills in the joy of being able to accomplish something. It doesn't live for accolades, although they are acknowledged and appreciated without puffing up. Nonetheless, true confidence is often the target of accusations by an assortment of types of people.

David's jealous brother Eliab accused David of being proud because David was confident in God, and the abilities God had given him. Multi-talented people simply endeavoring to do what they are able to do become an unwitting threat to the less talented, family members and to insecure leaders. Consequently, accusers always look for ways and manufacture means to shut down the talented person. The accusers interpret confidence as pride through the distortions of jealousy, competition and insecurity.

Joseph's jealous brothers found a way to silence their spiritually blessed brother by throwing him into a pit, selling him into slavery and blotting out his existence. Joseph's confident speech and manner bordered on boasting and caused him many years of difficulty.

WANTING TO DRESS AND LOOK NICE

Throughout the past centuries of Christian development and doctrine the concept of what can be defined as vanity has altered according to the type of culture and economy that the Church exists in at that time. Scripture offers a wide range of ideas concerning what is vain and what is not. Regrettably, a many centuries old poverty mindset has come to prevail over a great majority of Christendom, contrary to several of the definitions for what salvation means as in prosperity, wealth, and healing. Some Christians have misaligned looking and dressing nicely with vanity and moreover demanded that true humble spirituality requires poverty, poor physical appearance and unkempt clothing. Wanting to look nice, dress fashionably and appear socially appropriate for the culture does not necessarily mean a person is proud. In fact those who fear vanity and therefore dress and look unkempt, unclean and out of fashion can be equally as proud as those who

would use those things to be better than others. I can't begin to tell you of all the times I have heard "proud of their poverty" Christians make religiously ridiculous excuses for their sloppy unkempt appearance. Where did we lose the mindset of being an ambassador for Christ and think that in order to look Christian we have to dress like a bum? I've also heard religiously minded believers state that Jesus was poor. My answer to them is this. Did it ever occur to you, that even if he didn't own a lot of possessions, his garment was worthy of fighting over, because it was the finest of it's kind? So... was Jesus vain because he dressed in the best?

If you desire to dress in a manner that will glorify God, looking like the ambassador He intended you to be, you may be judged as proud. Just remember this. People who refuse to take care of how they look can be as vain as those who don't. Pride is determined by the heart attitude and motivation.

NOT GIVING EVERYTHING TO PEOPLE WHEN THEY WANT YOU TO

No is a powerful word, often necessary, restrictive and frustrating to people whom are takers, greedy and needy. Benevolent Christian charity is central to the message of the Gospel, but it is not without protocols and parameters. Needy people can be desperate and at times extremely demanding sometimes as a cover for their other issues. I have noticed on numerous occasions that people who seek God as to whether to give or not, and then refused to do so, not giving what others want them to give, will be judged as being proud. I honestly believe that in the Church this happens more often than not because our un-

derstanding of monetary distribution to the wants and needs of others is not clearly understood.

Shortly after Pentecost, as the fledgling Church developed into a communal structure, a type of socialist system was enforced. In the early Church a "handout" mentality developed as the communal environment created an unhealthy form of dependence where many of the needy believers expected anyone with any material means to take care of them. Everyone was expected to work and then contribute their earnings to the corporate need, according to their ability to do so. Persons who didn't do so were shunned. Because of these practices, if the Early Church existed today, it would be considered a cult. Furthermore, poverty was considered an honorable condition because it placed everyone on the same level. In addition, according to the early Christians, private ownership of property was considered a result of sin. As a result the personal private storehouse of goods was automatically expected to be at the disposal of all guests like a common treasury. There-

fore, no one was to be rich or lacking. Everyone was taken care of by the communal distribution of wealth. Some Bible scholars however question if these practices or systems were actually the will of God, considering the various teachings of Jesus indicating that owning property was in God's plan, as well as other examples pertaining to increase and gain (Mark 10:29-31; Luke 18:29-30). It is highly probable that the Early Church leaders overreacted and took a stance that was in effect more religious than biblical or spiritual. The reason this system is questionable is because the extremist communal teachings and practices restricted many people from becoming Christians. For example, wealthy persons desiring to become a member of the Church could only do so after they'd stripped themselves of their wealth so that others could be taken care of. To be wealthy and stingy was scorned to such an extent that many of the rich avoided becoming Christians because they weren't willing to hand over their riches for dispersion to the masses, and possibly, for another good reason.

In addition to this, both historically and biblically, there was an increasing problem amongst believers who'd developed a "handout" mentality. Paul attempted to address this issue in his letters to various churches under his authority (2Thess 3:10-12). It wasn't, however, until the times of Constantine the Great that these attitudes began to change, some for the better, some for the worse. The "handout" mentality of the past regrettably continues to this day. Christians inside and outside the pulpit ministry unequivocally expect others to take care of them, refusing to take responsibility for themselves. As a result, the idea of work is repugnant to many believers who have



become dependent on love gifts and financial support. Addicted to such a mindset, if called upon to get a job or earn a living, they become socially dysfunctional and end up depending on government and social welfare programs because, in the back of their minds, they think that to work a job is shameful, all because they're a minister. The Early Church would have refused them the rights of fellowship if they had lived in that time. Work is not a bad word.

Even when you are accused of being proud and uncaring about others needs, you have a responsibility to seek the Lord who to give to, when to give, how much to give and when not to give.

EXCESSIVE TALKING OR BEING TOO EAGER TO SHARE WITH PEOPLE WHO CAN'T RELATE AND WHO ARE OFTEN RELIGIOUS

Have you ever tried to share about something wonderful that happened to you in your work, life or ministry with people you wanted to include in your life and they judged you for being boastful, arrogant, insecure and superior? Painful isn't it? Regrettably the more you share the more they will think that you're being a showoff. Please listen to me. They may be good people but if they do not have the same experience, vocation, cultural background or knowledge they will generally react in a manner you might not expect. You can prevent these mistaken judgments by discerning who you are sharing with, if they can relate to you and how they might potentially react once you begin talking. Sometimes we so desperately want to include people in our lives and share what God is doing through us that we talk excessively, being too eager, without considering the consequences. Their reaction may be rooted out of a variety of human nature such as jealousy, feeling intimidated or threatened, made to feel inferior and most often not being able to connect with what you are saying. You must be wise in who you share with and how much.

Joseph experienced this very thing and suffered at the hands of his jealous intimidated brothers. He eagerly, without discernment told them about several prophetic dreams that insinuated that Joseph would become their superior and they would bow down before him. Enraged at his statements the brothers eventually plotted to destroy him. Had he not been so eager to tell the revelations God had given him, whether it was arrogant or not, the prideful accusations might have been avoided.

Sometimes people are accused of being proud because they reveal true spirituality in the presence of religious snobbery. Such was the case of the healed blind man and the Pharisees.

Having been doubly interrogated, the healed man told the religious leaders how Jesus healed him. Infuriated by his simple faith, and jealous of Jesus' power the Pharisees branded the man as incapable of teaching them. Therefore those possessing religious pride often victimize the one they accuse of pride.

MISINTERPRETED SEPERATION

On occasion the Lord will create or call for a season in which an individual believer will be separated from others or stand apart from those normally fellowshipped with. Inevitably, outsiders, or people who do not understand this way of the Lord will judge the isolated soul as being prideful. In most cases nothing can be done to cancel this judgment, but those who are in that lonely place must guard their hearts from bitterness and self-pity.

MANY MORE REASONS!

As one can see the accusation of pride can manifest for many reasons. People will accuse the successful of being proud. Leaders who attempt to stand up for truth, godly principle and ethics will be judged as arrogant by those who either don't understand the principles and ethics being honored or those who think they can do a better job leading. The list goes on and on.

FINALLY

I am convinced that many of you have identified with some of these circumstances and pain. Being unjustly accused of pride is generally impossible to confront for in doing so you will only reinforce the reasoning of your accusers. Rather than trying to

defend yourself, forgive those who point critical fingers your direction. Let it go. It's not worth allowing an accuser the privilege of breaking your heart, falsely defining your identity and destroying your faith and future. Moreover, if you have the slightest twinge of conviction, just repent and get it over with. We don't have time to waste messing with pride.

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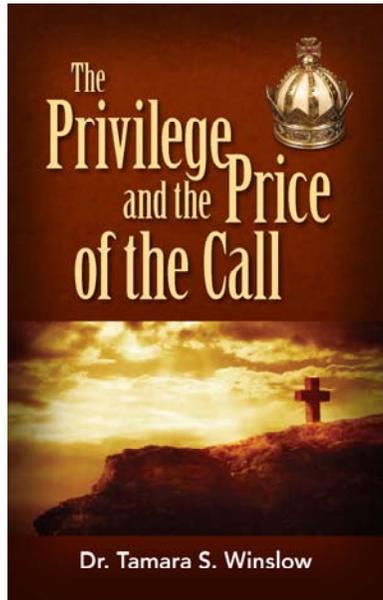
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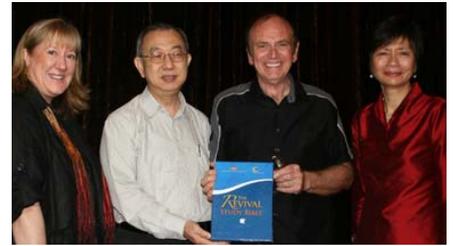
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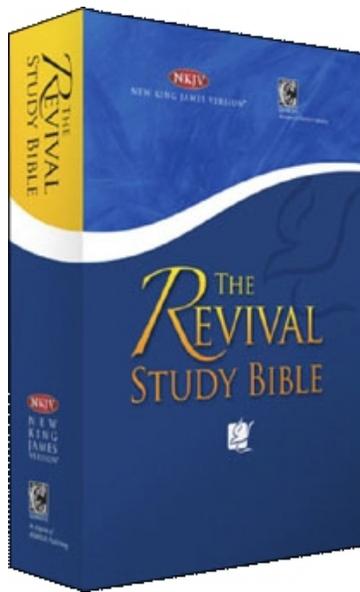


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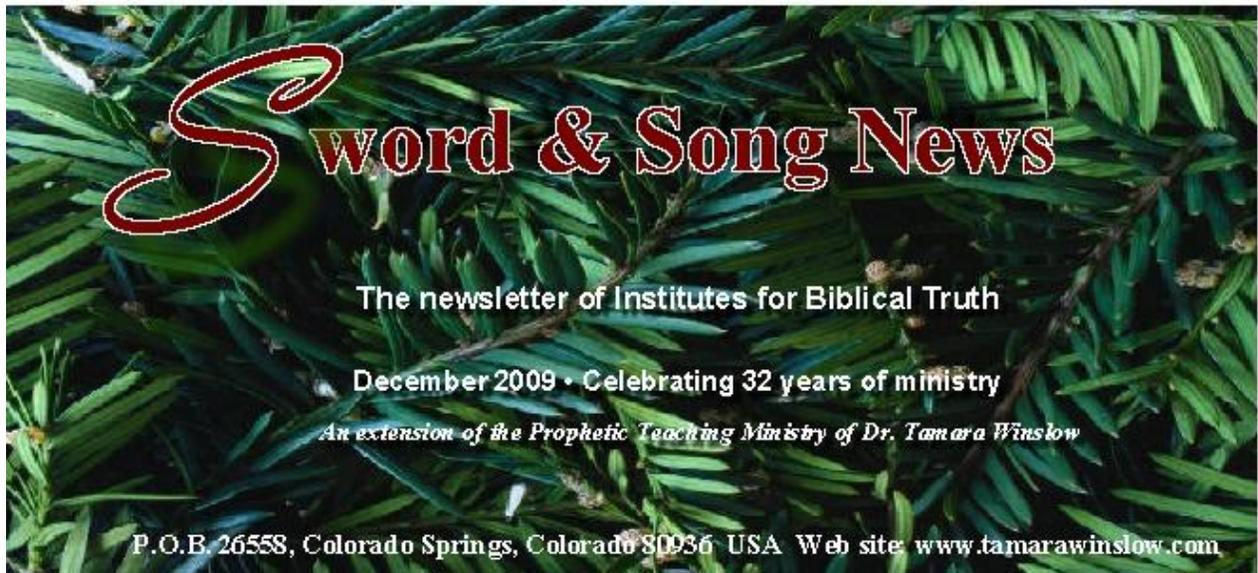


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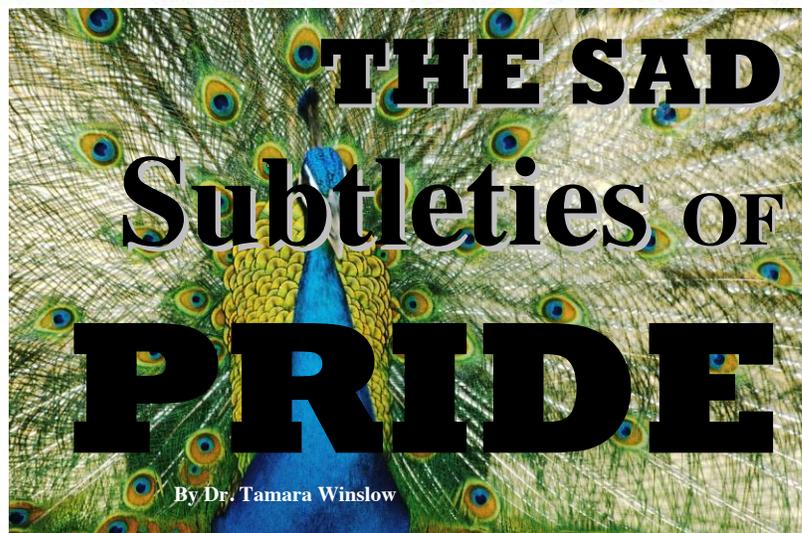


AN ABSENCE OF HONOR

2 Thessalonians 2:7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. (KJV)

The Bible Study was set to begin at 7:00 p.m. and the leader had spent many prayerful, studious hours preparing for the message, in spite of the smallness of the gathering. This particular message was extremely important and timely. Thankfully, most of the regular participants had phoned ahead as to whether they'd be on time or canceling if they couldn't come. Around 6:50 p.m. they began to trickle in and all took their places around the dining room table, eager to begin. One of the participants, almost always late, still hadn't showed up. Not wanting to keep the group any later than necessary, the leader began the teaching. He was frustrated. Tardiness was just one of the symptoms originating out of subtle, arrogant, disrespect all too often displayed by this individual. Her behavior smacked of disregard for the seriousness of these crucial studies and slighted the time he as the leader had invested into the study material. Regrettably, he knew this was becoming an all too common sign of the times.

Earlier, back at her home, the consistently dawdling young woman was scheduled to be at the study group but casually glanced at the clock on her bedroom dresser and saw it was 6:55 p.m. She knew it would take at least ten minutes driving time to get to the meeting, but she hadn't finished doing her hair. Besides it was *just* another Bible study. She was tired. It had been a busy week and all day she'd focused on herself. Everyone would just have to understand. After all, what did it matter if she was late? Everyone knew she was just this way. Eventually she got



in her car, pleased with how her hair looked, and drove to the meeting that was well on into the message. She'd already missed the first twenty minutes. Walking in, she quickly found a seat, silently expecting someone else to help her catch up while at the same time distracting everyone by her delayed arrival and misplaced expectations. She acted oblivious to the attitude quietly simmering around her and dismissed the leader's displeased look and the group's annoyance as "their problem." They needed to just "get over it." If they didn't want to acquiesce to her personality and ways she would simply cut them off. She didn't need to get entangled into their insensitivity to her life's needs. Sadly, what she, with many like her today do not recognize is that all these seemingly insignificant behaviors are, in fact, minute building blocks of pride. This increasing, sinful pride produces an absence of honor and is one of the primary reasons for the mystery of lawlessness at work in our world.

For nearly 25 years I've studied the Scriptures, attempted to explain, and endeavored to expose, the subject of the Mystery of Lawlessness. Yet even after intense investigation, I always feel like I fail to completely hit the bull's eye. Furthermore, I've taught how lawlessness is an ancient, satanic mystery employed to subtly and gradually remove all types of boundaries in different nations, cultures, and Christian circles. I've done my best to explain why it operates and what is currently happening in its deadly, unrecognized, and unsettling, wake. However, in the past two years, even after all the previous years of research and prayer, I believe I've discovered a root for the reason for this mystery and feel at this point in time I must write to clarify it. Please let me explain.

One troublesome, nagging question has bothered me for many years: Why is the mystery of lawlessness able to function with such unrecognized ferociousness in the Church, manifesting in everyday Christian life, affecting ministry, the gifts of the Spirit, human behavior, all areas of relationship, and of course, disturbing general society? This question has relentlessly taunted me. No matter how clearly I'd teach about it, people still didn't get what I was saying, and continued on in their lawless, pseudo-merry way. Some listeners would smugly smile and arrogantly state that, personally, they had no problem with lawlessness. Alas, those same individuals exhibited some of the greatest extremes of lawlessness' characteristics. After long hours of study and careful observation of human behavior, I believe I've discovered the root reason lawlessness is able to thrive and manifest in and outside the Church. It is my hope that in this series of articles this root can be exposed and some sort of strategy can be assembled to help any saint that wants to hear to overcome it.

Originally, in the early development of these teachings, I surmised that the reason lawlessness has been able to flourish is because of the lack of the fear of the Lord in and outside the Church. I still believe that this is *one* of the reasons. However, there is something even more fundamental than the fear of God at the root of why the Mystery of Lawlessness is increasingly dominant, and that awful ugly root can only be identified as pride. Now this may simply seem all too obvious, but the pride manifesting in the time before Christ's return will be unique in that it will destroy all forms of honor and foster a permeating corporate attitude that disdains repentance, confession of sin, and most significantly, will strip away true Christian love. The fear of God cannot be practiced if the ability and the quality of humble honor are non-existent. Humility

shines through loving honor and seeks to establish and maintain all the protective boundaries that lawlessness tears down. It is becoming more and more obvious that self-honor, or pride, has corrupted all aspects of humanity. It is one of the most ancient of sinful behaviors, originating with the darkest center of satanic nature. Therefore, if lawlessness is to be exposed and personally defeated, pride's subtle, strategic intent must be exposed. This series of articles, understandably no small task, will attempt to define, examine, and dismantle the work of pride affecting us all.

THE INEVITABLE REFRIGERATION OF LOVE

[Matt 24:12](#) And the love of the great body of people will grow cold because of the multiplied lawlessness and iniquity, [13](#) But he who endures to the end will be saved. (AMP)

Love has steadily refrigerated while pride has effectively fanned flames of lust and selfishness. Jesus specifically warned about this "End Times" condition. The only means of combating this is for us as believers to love one another unconditionally and without agenda. Pride, often masked by religious and seemingly spiritual conversation, seeks for superiority. It also often hides behind rejection because in attempting to feel superior and more important, a buried cry for feeling loved exists.

[Rom 5:5](#) And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us. (KJV)

Once a person is born again and the Holy Spirit takes up residence in the believing heart, love--God's love--rushes in, anticipating human expression. Therefore, there is no excuse for not loving, but pride manages to blind multitudes of believers, causing them to live contrary to the truth of the love that God has already deposited into the human heart by the Spirit. Love, one of the foremost fruits of the Spirit/spirit, stands in stark contrast to the proud works of the flesh mentioned in Galatians 5.

[John 13:33](#) Little children, yet a little while I am with you. Ye shall seek me: and as I said unto the Jews, Whither I go, ye cannot come; so now I say to you.³⁴ A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.³⁵ By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another. (KJV)

[John 15:17](#) This is what I command you: that you love one another (AMP)

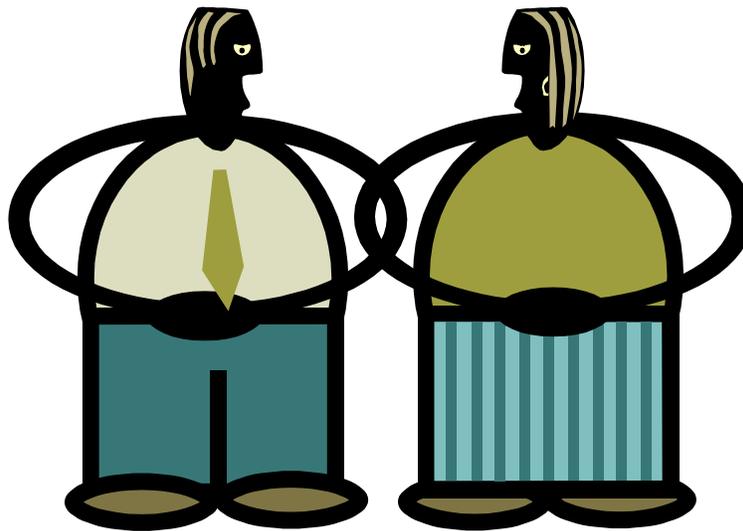
[Gal 5:22](#) But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith. (KJV)

Love, agape love, encompasses a wide assortment of synonyms, including honor and respect. Functionally described in 1 Corinthians 13, it exemplifies the exact opposite of all that pride boasts. In order to introduce this series, before diving into an exposure of what pride is, it is necessary that love is brought to the forefront so that the ugly contrast of pride is obvious. Pride is simply sneaky. We must unravel its awfulness by comparing it to what real Christianity looks like.

1 Cor 13:1 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal 2 And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.4 Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,5 Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;6 Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;7 Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.8 Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.9 For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.10 But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.11 When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.12 For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.13 And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity. (KJV)

In addition to this, to prevent a soppy, incorrect understanding of what love is as well as avoid the counterfeit expression of love that pride enjoys religiously couching itself in, let's look at what Biblical lexicons define as agape.

Spiros Zodhiates, in the Hebrew-Greek Key Bible Study Bible Lexicon, defines agape love as a love that is benevolent. This benevolence isn't shown by doing what the person being loved desires, but is given according to what the one who loves deems is needed by the one loved, according to God's character. For example, God so loved the world that He gave. Hence, He didn't give humanity what it wanted. He gave Jesus and thereby reached into the root need. In fact, His love enacted the greatest example of humility, in laying His life down by choosing to associate with those who didn't deserve all that Heaven could afford. Love is God's willful direction toward man. Consequently, true Christian love indicates a direction of will, not just a feeling. True godly love gives people what they need, not just what they want or what they feel they must have based on culture, history, and



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personality. However, godly love is not condescending, isolating or superior in attitude. Thus, love is not proud.

Love is also a fulfillment of the Law in all aspects. Legalism and lawlessness link arms and mock genuine love because of religious pride. Therefore, lawlessness finds its roots in the proud attitude of doing whatever feels good at the moment, without considering the affects of what one does to others. This does not mean we sacrifice our personal holiness and compromise for the sake of "association." However, love inspires caring saints to the deep motivation whereby they lift one another to higher heights in Christ, without conveying superiority and condescension. Hence, if we choose to love, we practice kindness and abhor selfishness. If we choose to love, we are more concerned about the depth of the ongoing relationships dear to us rather than how to be "perfect and look spiritual" or "do our ministries and work."

Rom 13:8 Owe no man anything, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.9 For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself 10 Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of

the law. (KJV)

Matt 22:36 Master, which is the great commandment in the law?37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.38 This is the first and great commandment. 39 And the second is like unto it, **Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.** 40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. (KJV)

1 Cor 13:4 Love endures long and is patient and kind; love never is envious nor boils over with jealousy, is not boastful or vainglorious, does not display itself haughtily.5 It is not conceited (arrogant and inflated with pride); it is not rude (unmannerly) and does not act unbecomingly. Love (God's love in us) does not insist on its own rights or its own way, for it is not self-seeking; it is not touchy or fretful or resentful; it takes no account of the evil done to it [it pays no attention to a suffered wrong]. (AMP)

LOVE IS- NOT PROUD

First Corinthians 13:4-5 reveals that love is kind. Therefore, a loving person practices gentleness and endeavors to practice helpfulness on all sides.

Agape also doesn't boast or demonstrate braggadocious behavior, communications or attitudes. As a result, true spiritual maturity is manifested accordingly and finds the slightest hint of self-acclaimed spirituality repulsive. In order to fulfill this maturation, love restrains all potentially harmful behaviors, words, communications, attitudes, and looks. Pride, however, is blind to such things. It behaves and communicates inappropriately whenever it feels the whim.

First Corinthians goes on to say that love doesn't seek its own way. This essentially means that it isn't selfish. Pride exhibits selfish, demanding, and rude mannerisms and is only concerned about "me, myself, and I." When love is absent and pride sits on the throne of the heart, religious and self-serving spiritual demands take over, often seeming very sincerely "after God" when, in reality, the spirituality is rooted in self-righteousness, not caring about anyone else. As a child attending a summer Bible camp I was taught that the letter "I" is in the middle of the English words "sin" and "pride". We need to ask ourselves whether we live for others or for ourselves first.

So what do the Scriptures have to say about pride? How is it defined? How does it begin? What does it do? What are its fruits? Who does it affect? When does it occur? How can we prevent it? How does God consider and deal with it?

All these questions and more need to be considered and answered if at all possible. One thing is for certain: No one is exempt from its deceptions, and repentance for it is constant. So let's begin!

Pride is a complicated Biblical subject to study because there are twenty-nine separate Hebrew words and four Greek words that can be translated as pride and its synonyms. Furthermore, these same words can also refer to some positive aspects of condition and emotion that must be distinguished from the ungodly behavior we need to expose.

Many years ago, while teaching a series of Sunday night messages for the church we were attending at the time, I spoke one evening on the subject of the root of pride. The service was very well attended but, unbeknownst to me, several married couples on the verge of either separating or in the last stages of divorce sat in the congregation, unaware that their spouse was also in the sanctuary. After having taught the message, the Holy Spirit hovered over the congregation. People began to repent in response to God's word and convicting presence. Once the service was over, the dismissed listeners meandered towards the rear of the church. Later I learned that the individuals on the verge of divorce spotted their spouses and, of their own volition, repented to each other for the pride that had nearly killed their relationships. The marriages were saved. To my shock, when meeting with two of those couples the following week, the couples confessed that they had never realized that pride was a sin and it needed to be dealt with to save their marriage. I could hardly believe my ears. They simply did not know that pride was wrong.



We face a real dilemma in the modern Church because well meaning, generally Baby-boomer leaders have placed such an emphasis on finding identity and always being positive, independent, and confident, that we've neglected to define the difference between haughty, arrogant, pride, and genuine confidence in who God has made us to be. I'm very concerned that this unhealthy, "soulless" emphasis has bred a self-willed unrepentant attitude throughout the past century that could soon emerge in a unified hostile

determination that could prevent the reception of the Gospel in many nations. Now please understand, I know for certain that the sovereign unction of the convicting work of the Holy Spirit and the power of anointed preaching of God's word can turn the hardest of hearts. But, the difficulty is that pride has gained such a grip, even

on those who minister the Word, that unless repentance occurs in those who preach, their messages will be increasingly based on pop-psychology and feel good philosophies. Pride must be defined and exposed if this is to change.

Perhaps the best way to define pride is to list the synonyms related to it and then explain the other definitions of the translations of the Hebrew and Greek words so we can differentiate between godly confidence and ungodly arrogance.

Please look at these charts listing the synonyms to see the difficulty and see what the comparisons of the Hebrew and Greek definitions reveal concerning pride.

**DEFINITIONS & SYNONYMS FOR
UNGODLY PRIDE AS CONNECTED TO
THE TRANSLATION OF THE HEBREW &
GREEK WORDS**

Pride, proud Haughty, haughtily
Arrogant, arrogance, arrogantly, to deal arrogantly
Height, high, highness Loftiness, lofty Elevated
Powerful Raging Noble, nobles
Exalt, exalted, exalting, exalted in station
Excellent, excellence Pomp Swelling
Lift up, lifting up, lifted up
Presumptuous, presumptuously, act presumptuously
To raise To be tall
Appear conspicuously above others Braggadocio
Self-confidence Inflate with self-conceit
High-minded To boil, to boil up, to seethe
To act rebelliously to deal arrogantly To act insolently
Broad, large, at liberty, wide
Great in any sense, Large (in magnitude and extent), in
number, in intensity, loud (in sound), older (in age), in
importance
A blusterer Vain, Vainity To soar Mount up
To magnify oneself A snare (as of tied meshes)
To strut To be puffed up

The negative, ugly side of pride is basically described through the synonyms for pride as revealed in Scripture. The problem is that when there is a lack of understanding as to what true identity looks like, and how love should be displayed, humble confidence takes a brutal beating. It is undeniable that the human being must practice a godly form of confidence. However, if that confidence is rooted in the attitudes associated with ungodly pride, then confidence quickly sours, becoming fleshly and self-serving.

The difference between the ungodly and godly forms of "pride" is determined by certain attitudes. Satanically inspired pride causes the soul to exalt and lift one's self

above others for the purpose of acclaim, position, power, spirituality, and greatness. It believes that the higher one climbs the more success and greatness one has, therefore reinforcing attitudes that encourage boasting, presumptuous behaviors, lying, angry, loud outbursts, selfish actions, and rebellion to all authorities, without conscience of action. Satanic pride seeks to ensnare those lower than itself and struts like a lion, conceited and insensitive to everyone it comes into contact with, and crushes. One can see that this is the exact opposite of how love operates. Hence, pride is the epitome of a corrupted ego.

The Scriptures, however, also reveal numerous instances where humble individuals or nations are described as

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Self-confidence
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extent), in number, in intensity, loud (in sound),
older (in age), in importance
Noble, nobles

proud or exalted but without the trappings of the sinful character we often associate with pride. This type

of "pride" or "greatness" is directly linked to God's favor and the human expression of agape confidently manifested through healthy faith.

Pride is extremely difficult to confront because it hides behind attitudes as well as countless vices, and employs self-deception. But once the absence of love becomes obvious, pride can be exposed and its deceptions unraveled, to set the people free.

It is difficult to expose this root without causing reactions swinging from one extreme to another, all equally dangerous. For example, pride can mean "excellence." So does this mean that if we do things excellently we're in

danger of becoming proud? Yes and no!! If the motive for why you want something to be done in an excellent manner is for the glory of God, you are safe. But if you do something excellently because you want to be the best for the sake of feeling superior to others and are doing so for fear of how people will look at you and your work, then pride can easily gain entrance. It all goes back to motivation.

How then do we define the sin of ungodly pride?

Pride is a deceptive attitude with corroborating actions that demonstrate self-exaltation, superiority and seeking a sense of importance over others- spiritually, relationally, vocationally, and financially- while disregarding Jesus as Lord, love, authority structures, policies, boundaries, and the needs of others. It Edges God Out, inflated by EGO, eventually alienating people for the purpose of accomplishing self-serving goals, even in the name of pursuing greater spirituality. It is the manifest presence of satanic nature.

**E- Edging
G- God
O- Out**

We can see that this is a disturbing, complicated and far-reaching study. But understanding this is of utmost importance if we're to see a genuine and lasting move of God. Pride can begin in the most subtle ways: age, knowledge, "hot-house faith communities," wealth and stature, etc. In the next article we will look at the categories and types of pride identified in Scripture. Until then, examine your heart and consider how you can be more humbly loving!!!

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MEET THE STAFF! Phill & Kris Jones

By Kris Jones

Shalom from our new home in Colorado Springs! It's our latest dwelling in a series of temporary living spaces since we got married in January 2008. Before marrying, the Lord had led me (Kris) to study the life of Sarah and one thing that stood out was that she and Abraham "lived in tents" (Hebr. 11:9), i.e., they were mobile! And that has been the case with us. Much of our time together we've felt like Abraham, making our home here or there by faith, until the Lord moved us on. Now that we're here, we hope to stay awhile...



To let you know a bit about us:

Phill was born and raised in England's midlands, where he studied photography, film, and video production before attending university and completing a certificate in psychiatric nursing. After working in that field for several years, he found the Lord one night while reading his grandfather's bible and his whole life changed. One day, in Spain, he saw a newsletter on the coffee table from a ministry in Israel that reached out to drug addicts and alcoholics. He thought perhaps the Lord could use him somewhere like that and wrote to them. That's how he, a relative babe in the Lord, ended up in Israel as a volunteer and then an intern in a young men's leadership training program, *Dor Elisha* (the Elisha Generation). He spent three and a half years on Mt. Carmel in the hot sun, being discipled and learning the ways of God while serving at the local congregation, Carmel Assembly, and its adjoining ministry center. He had opportunities there to share in community devotions, come alongside young men struggling with various issues, and be a blessing to the children of the Sudanese refugees residing in the women's refuge. We met there in 2005, and over time, became best friends!

Kris was born and raised in the Seattle area to parents who were in full-time ministry most of her life. After working as a professional librarian in an art college for nine years, she yearned to serve the Lord in a more active way and, in particular, to do something with the love for Israel that God had put in her heart years before. In 2003 she went to Israel to volunteer at Carmel Assembly and the Mt. Carmel School of Ministry, where she remained as the SOM administrator for five years. God called us together as a couple in 2007 and we stayed in Israel until late 2008. It was an incredible privilege to serve Him in His land, among His chosen people, seeing the promises and purposes of God being fulfilled before our eyes. We saw

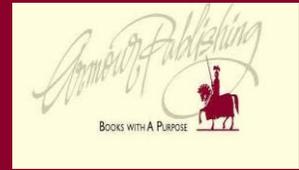
people's lives transformed by revelatory teaching, new believers matured in their faith, Jews and Arabs worshipping together as "one new man" in Messiah, and more Jewish people come to the Lord than has been seen since the first century! Life in Israel stretched our faith and caused us to grow in the Lord like never before. We enjoyed being part of a community of believers, learning and serving, being part of what God is doing in these last days. At a certain point, the door began to close and it was clear that our season in Israel was coming to an end. But, what next?

We "happened" to meet Dr. Winslow just prior to having visa problems and all three of us felt the Lord's leading to work together. Within six weeks, our visas ran out (which we weren't able to renew) and we came to the United States. Of course, Phill had to get a visa to remain in the U.S. and this took six months of patient waiting. As always, the Lord provided for every need and answered our big questions about the future. He told us we were going to put down roots and be fruitful. After Phill received his green card and we had confirmation to work with Dr. Winslow, we moved to Colorado in July 2009. Since then, Phill has been fixing up the ministry properties as well as working on Dr. Winslow's audio teaching library, editing and duplicating messages. Kris has been doing research and proofreading for Dr. Winslow, in addition to taking a course in indexing, a skill she hopes to use in Dr. Winslow's future publishing company. Our desire is to lighten Dr. Winslow's load by taking on tasks that will free her up to focus on studying, writing, and other things the Lord's put on her heart to do. We've seen the fruit of Dr. Winslow's teaching and example in others' lives and aim to help her further the ministry in this next season of growth. Our tent is pitched here!

NOTE FROM DR. WINSLOW - *A Revival of wedding gifts!*

Nearly two years ago Alan Langstaff gave me a prophetic word that God was going to start sending me helpers. Phill and Kris are fulfilling that word. This couple has made great sacrifices to come and work with me. Still newlyweds when they left Israel, they left behind the majority of their wedding gifts. It is my hope that the saints who read this might want to shower this couple with a revival of wedding gifts as a sign of God's mercy poured out for their faithful obedience. Please seek God if you're to do anything toward this goal. Thank you!

THE REVIVAL STUDY BIBLE



Early 2010

Many years ago I received a phone call from Revivalist historian, Winkie Pratney, asking me if I would consider contributing study notes, articles and a unique Chain Reference study system for a project being titled The Revival Study Bible. Thus the work began in developing this historic study tool soon to be released. The story behind this work is nothing short of miraculous and a visible demonstration of God's reviving power.

A great deal of the writing and organization of the Study Bible had been completed when, sadly, the project was shelved and looked like it would never become a reality. Winkie Pratney talked to numerous publishers but nothing seemed to open up for the Bible's publication. Then about two years ago, in March, while ministering to Church of Our Savior, a large congregation in Singapore pastored by Derek Hong, God began to revive the work. After I had spoken in the Sunday services, Pastor Derek asked me about the Study Bible and wondered when it could be expected to come out. I shared with him the situation. Having heard that, he asked, "Why couldn't it be published in Singapore?" From that moment the waters began to stir, and like the lame man lying by the pool at Bethesda, God put the project back on its feet and it's now getting ready to run all around the world.

Pastor Steve Hill, renowned evangelist from the historic Brownsville, Florida revival; Winkie Pratney; and myself (Dr. Tamara Winslow) are currently working as the editors in collaboration with Armour Publishing of Singapore to see the long awaited completion of this Bible. Countless hours of editing notes, articles and study chains, proofing,

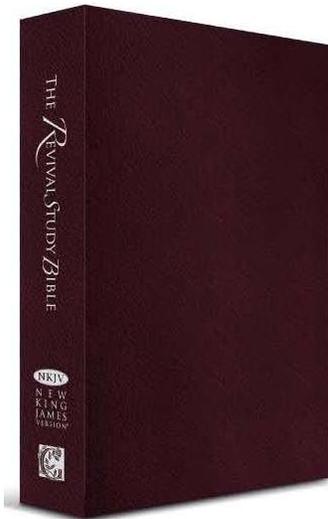
re-editing, and more proofing have been accomplished in the past several months. Although this process has been extremely challenging, we are beginning to see the light at the end of the tunnel and the Revival Study Bible is scheduled to launch sometime in early 2010. Formal book launches are being planned in Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, the US, and other countries, with teaching and evangelistic events being organized as well.

We will soon be taking orders for the Revival Study Bible through our individual ministries and, of course, Armour Publishing. The estimated cost of the Bible, excluding shipping, will be \$ 85.00 USD. Please be watching my website for more ordering information.

I'm not aware of any other Study Bible available in today's Christian market that can compare to what this tool contains, such as the in-depth research materials, footnotes, historic testimonies, chain

references keyed according to the many different types of revival, and vital subjects related to revival, such as the anointing. It is a study resource you won't want to miss out on!

Please be praying with us as we enter the final stages of this "revived" Revival Study Bible. The intensity of spiritual warfare surrounding us as editors has been unusually strong. Completing the proofing has required unbelievable amounts of time for all of us. We are committed to seeing this through to the completion because we believe and can sense the impact it will bring to the Church globally.



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