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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 deeper problem resurfaces each time this happens revealing how blindly our socie-

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## THE SAD Subtleties OF PRIDE

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ty 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 demonstrated in Scripture. Regrettably no matter how I endeavored to condense this material 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 humankind?

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.

Mr 7:22 Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, **pride**, foolishness:

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 what would happen to John, the beloved disciple, Jesus said "What is that to you? You follow Me!" We must follow Jesus!

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



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## 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.

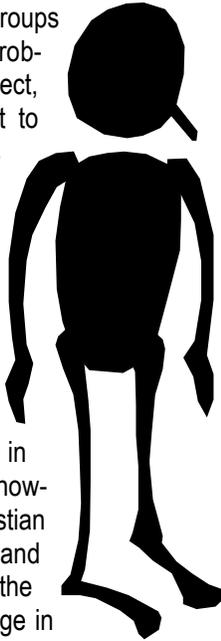
1 Sam 17:22 And David left his carriage in the hand of the keeper of the carriage, and ran into the army, and came and saluted his brethren.23 And as he talked with them, behold, there came up the champion, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, out of the armies of the Philistines, and spake according 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.<sup>32</sup> And David said to Saul, Let no man's heart fail because of him; thy servant will go and fight with this Philistine. <sup>33</sup> 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? 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. <sup>8</sup> 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 impetuous 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 insistence 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 overwhelmed 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 will 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 opposing 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 about 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 movements. 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

Amnon, one of the sons of David, lusted after his beautiful sister

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 that have affected many of the Bible translations we use as well as the doctrinal interpretation of Scripture that have fundamentally influenced our attitudes pertaining to the genders. The philosophies and 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 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, many, though not all of the early Church fathers very gradually embrace Aristotle's and Plato's philosophies about male and female, while introducing pagan factors 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 those philosophical set of 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.

## **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  
Ecclesiastical Tradition- established by its own view of past heritage  
Religious experience & background, denominational interpretations  
Other Philosophies Your Age & Generation

### **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.**

Tamar. Plotting to illegally take her for himself 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, and 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 of either not wanting to set aside the Greek philosophies affecting so many, or not thinking through all the implications of the affects of these things, 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 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 took things into her own hands ignoring 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 Na-

tionality, 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 they thought might be from God would be correct even if it was not. Spiritual success must be taken immediately to Jesus, as if you were casting your 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 AND 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 form of 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

**YOU NEVER KNOW IT ALL!  
KEEP LEARNING NO MATTER  
HOW OLD YOU ARE!**

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. How desperately 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 associated with such spirits as demonstrating the pride of position. Isaiah 14:10-13 describes Satan's rebellious arrogance when he said he would ascend up to heaven, exalting his throne above the stars of God, making himself to be above God. The prince of Tyrus is quoted as saying similar things, directly associated with Satan's attitude. (Eze. 28:3) In addition to this despicable list, the entrance of Anti-christ will be marked as a leader who demonstrates extreme pride magnifying himself above every god and speaking 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 in 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. It's also directly confronted by God unto the ultimate shattering 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 this type of pride. National groups exhibiting this form of pride 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 primarily 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 beliefs they consider to be truth that aren't 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 and mean head and strife results. This type of behavior is indicative of foolishness and shame.

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 and then 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.

The pride of knowledge, imaginations, education and learning is by far one of the most crippling forms of pride that I know of. It has been suggested that the average human being and the average Christian, willfully stops learning by their mid-forties. God protect us from such a sad state. This most damaging pride affects both young and old leading to eventual greater sins. Thankfulness and praise dies once the pride of knowledge and

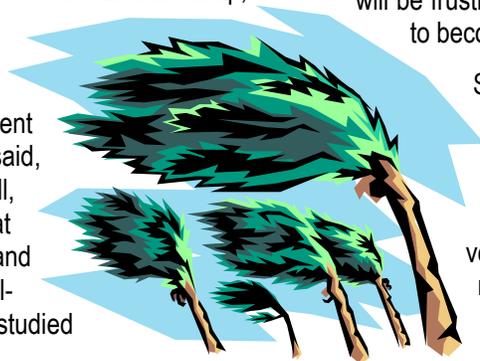
imaginings desensitizes the human spirit making it unteachable. Un-teachable, opinionated attitudes are a clear indicator of this type of pride and are disgusting. Guard your heart from this numbing death and take aggressive action with your mind, your imaginations and ability to learn. You never know it all and you'll not possess every revelation. But as you grow, every bit of Biblical knowledge you encounter can be the door to 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 type of pride. People are either extremely insecure and don't have 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, 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 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, possibly 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 of 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 and they become 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 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 dotting 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 demon-

strated 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 than himself. 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 asso-

ciated 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.

#### UPCOMING SCHEDULE

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

**April 22<sup>nd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>** Biblical Perspectives on Healing Seminar- Institute Cornelius House Ministry House, Colorado Springs, Colorado- Application and Acceptance letter mandatory

**May**- Womens' International Ministries Network Conference "Seasons of Destiny", Resurrection Life Fellowship, Eden Prairie, MN. Dr. Sharon Predovich.

**June**- Singapore- Wisdom in the Workplace Level 3

**July**- Institute Level One course- Application & Acceptance letter mandatory

**September**- Singapore Revival Study Bible Launch

**Religious pride originates from the idea that human beings are their own saviors & don't need Jesus!**



# Sword & Song News

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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

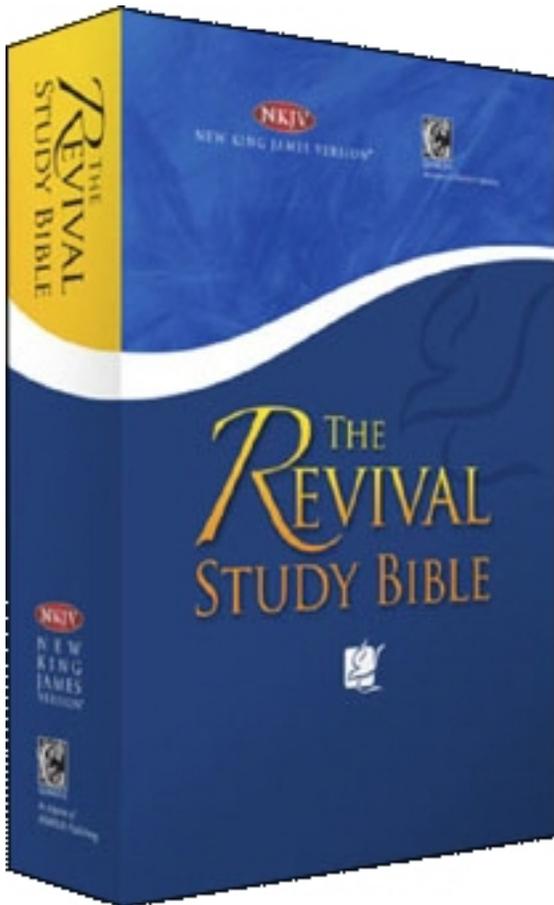
Controlling the tongue is like restraining the wind. It's very difficult. It's even more challenging to manage the tone and inflections of the voice. Many offenses occur when the tone of what is said is either misinterpreted or the tone comes out all wrong and not as intended. The best of apologies often 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

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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 ELDERLY 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" prophesying 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 individual

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.

#### **UPCOMING MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

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December 9<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> Minneapolis, MN churches

December 11<sup>th</sup>- Resurrection Life Christmas Luncheon, Dr. Sharon Predovich

December 12<sup>th</sup> 10:30 a.m. Holding Forth the Word of Life Ministries Int. Drs. Rufus and Diane Thibodeaux

December 12<sup>th</sup> 7:30 p.m. Christmas Dessert Fellowship, Resurrection Life Church, Eden Prairie, MN, at the Pastor's home

December 15<sup>th</sup>- 7 p.m. Living In His Presence Church, Pastor Roberta Morrison

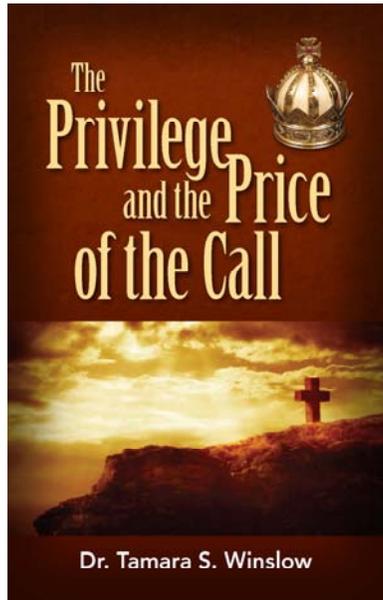
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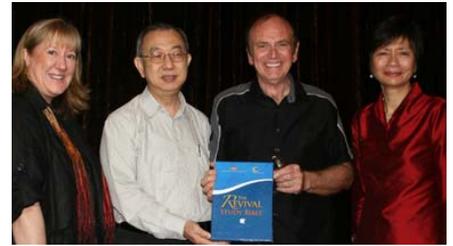
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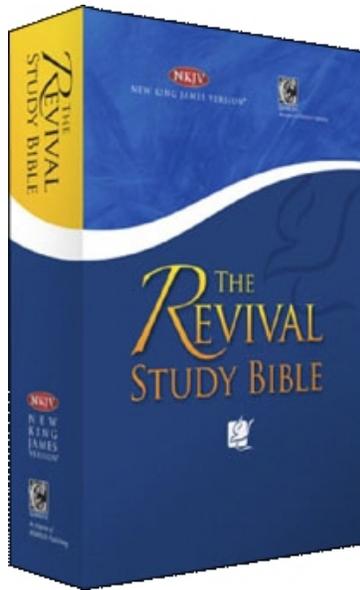


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