

Pride

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Mark 7:18-23.... 18 And he saith unto them, Are ye so without understanding also? Do ye not perceive, that whatsoever thing from without entereth into the man, it cannot defile him; 19 Because it entereth not into his heart, but into the belly, and goeth out into the draught, purging all meats? 20 And he said, That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man. 21 For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, 22 Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: 23 All these evil things come from within, and defile the man.

Romans 1:29 Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, 30 Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, **proud**⁵²⁴⁴, **boasters**²¹³, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, 31 Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:

Romans 13:13 Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying.

2Corinthians 12:20 For I fear, lest, when I come, I shall not find you such as I would, and that I shall be found unto you such as ye would not: lest there be debates, envyings, wraths, strifes, backbitings, whisperings, **swellings**⁵⁴⁵⁰, tumults:

Galatians 5:19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, 20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, 21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told *you* in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

2Timothy 3:2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, **boasters**²¹³, **proud**⁵²⁴⁴, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, 4 Traitors, heady, **highminded**⁵¹⁸⁷, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; 5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

First things first!!! DO NOT CONFUSE PRIDE WITH SELF RESPECT, SELF ESTEEM AND SELF WORTH!!!

The only time we are to refer to ourselves as nothing is when we compare ourselves to God. In regard to other people we are highly esteemed by God and very important.

We are ambassadors (Ephesians 6:20).

We are royal (I Peter 2:9).

We are heirs (Romans 8:17).

False humility does not give glory to God.

Colossians 2:20-23 Wherefore if ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances, (Touch not; taste not; handle not; Which all are to perish with the using;) after the commandments and doctrines of men? Which things have indeed a shew of wisdom in will worship, and humility, and neglecting of the body; not in any honour to the satisfying of the flesh.

How does false humility affect my faith?

- False humility causes us to reject the true humility that comes from God. It is carnal, not spiritual.

How does it affect my congregation?

- False humility frustrates the grace of God. Because it is carnal and the flesh is divisive it tears away at the unity of the Spirit. If everyone in the congregation has false humility, we are united in falsehood and not in truth.

- Because it affects how we see one another, if someone in the congregation seems to "have too much pride" because they dress nice it causes division. The "humble" people become judgmental of those that are too "proud." Again, division.

How does it affect my future?

- Your professional life can be harmed because, false humility keeps you from aspiring to better things. It de-motivates you. You will be passed over for promotion because you will be viewed as complacent.

- Among your peers you will be on the sidelines and not in the forefront. How? By insisting on being a "nobody" and not wanting to be the "somebody" that God already made you.

- False humility takes away your hopes and turns real opportunities into mere fantasy. You will see your current state of livelihood as where you will always be.

Pride is when you think more of yourself than you ought to.

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.

What can cause pride?

- Positions
- Notoriety/Fame
- Possessions
- Wealth
- Personal Ability

What people with pride don't do:

They DON'T Show Deference:

Prov 20:3 Keeping away from strife is an honor for a man,
But any fool will quarrel. (NASU)

Prov 25:6 **Do not claim honor in the presence of the king,
And do not stand in the place of great men;
7 For it is better that it be said to you, "Come up here,"
Than for you to be placed lower in the presence of the prince,
Whom your eyes have seen.** (NASU)

Matthew 5:23-26 Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift. Agree with thine adversary quickly, while thou art in the way with him; lest at any time the adversary deliver thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and thou be cast into prison. Verily I say unto thee, Thou shalt by no means come out thence, till thou hast paid the uttermost farthing.

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

They DON'T have proper self perception:

3 John 1:9-11 I wrote unto the church: but Diotrephes, who loveth to have the preeminence among them, receiveth us not. Wherefore, if I come, I will remember his deeds which he doeth, prating against us with malicious words: and not content therewith, neither doth he himself receive the brethren, and forbiddeth them that would, and casteth them out of the church. Beloved, follow not that which is evil, but that which is good. He that doeth good is of God: but he that doeth evil hath not seen God.

1 Timothy 6:3-5 If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness; He is **proud**⁵¹⁸⁷, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings, Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself.

1 Kings 22:2-9, 13-15, 28, 34-35

2 In the third year Jehoshaphat the king of Judah came down to the king of Israel. 3 Now the king of Israel said to his servants, "**Do you know that Ramoth-gilead belongs to us, and we are still doing nothing to take it out of the hand of the king of Aram?**" 4 And he said to Jehoshaphat, "Will you go with me to battle at Ramoth-gilead?" And Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, "I am as you are, my people as your people, my horses as your horses." 5 Moreover, Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, "Please

inquire first for the word of the LORD." 6 Then the king of Israel gathered the prophets together, about four hundred men, and said to them, "Shall I go against Ramoth-gilead to battle or shall I refrain?" And they said, "Go up, for the Lord will give it into the hand of the king." 7 But Jehoshaphat said, "Is there not yet a prophet of the LORD here that we may inquire of him?" 8 The king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, "There is yet one man by whom we may inquire of the LORD, but I hate him, because he does not prophesy good concerning me, but evil. He is Micaiah son of Imlah." But Jehoshaphat said, "Let not the king say so." 9 Then the king of Israel called an officer and said, "Bring quickly Micaiah son of Imlah." 12 All the prophets were prophesying thus, saying, "Go up to Ramoth-gilead and prosper, for the LORD will give it into the hand of the king." 13 Then the messenger who went to summon Micaiah spoke to him saying, "Behold now, the words of the prophets are uniformly favorable to the king. Please let your word be like the word of one of them, and speak favorably." 14 But Micaiah said, "As the LORD lives, what the LORD says to me, that I shall speak." 15 When he came to the king, the king said to him, "**Micaiah, shall we go to Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall we refrain?**" 23 "Now therefore, behold, the LORD has put a deceiving spirit in the mouth of all these your prophets; and the LORD has proclaimed disaster against you." 28 Micaiah said, "If you indeed return safely the LORD has not spoken by me." And he said, "Listen, all you people." 34 Now a certain man drew his bow at random and struck the king of Israel in a joint of the armor. So he said to the driver of his chariot, "Turn around and take me out of the fight; for I am severely wounded." 35 The battle raged that day, and the king was propped up in his chariot in front of the Arameans, and died at evening, and the blood from the wound ran into the bottom of the chariot. (NASU)

They don't find it easy to admit need or fault:

James 5:16 Confess your faults one to another, and pray for one another, that ye may be healed.

How does this affect my faith?

- Showing a lack of deference to people shows a lack of deference to God. The bible tells us that in many ways the way you treat people reflects the way you treat God (i.e., if we don't love our brother, we don't love God).

1 John 4:20 If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?

- Being arrogant, conceited or headstrong comes from an improper self-perception. If you don't see yourself as what God sees, chances are there are other things in your faith walk that is out of touch with God.

How does it affect my congregation?

- If I can't esteem others better than myself, I won't be able to complement them when they are better than me (jealousy). Neither will I be able to encourage them when they need it (compassion). The lack of these things work against unity and facilitate division.

- When you are in need of help you are not willing to open up to those around you in the congregation. In opening up to people we bring about better unity.

How does it affect my future?

- Not showing deference with your peers (whether in class or the workplace) will cause strife, division and even fights.

- Deference is always necessary in any relationship (give and take).

What people with pride do:

Self Promote

Prov 27:2 Let another praise you, and not your own mouth;
A stranger, and not your own lips. (NASU)

Over-react to compliments

Prov 27:21 The crucible is for silver and the furnace for gold,
And each is tested by the praise accorded him. (NASU)

Heat both tests and refines silver (cf. 25:4) and gold, showing what the metals are really like. (This first line of 27:21 is identical with 17:3.) Praise tests a person in a similar way in that his reaction to it shows what he is really like. If he gloats over it, he shows himself to be arrogant; he "knows" he is good. But if he accepts the praise modestly, he shows his humility. (Bible Knowledge Commentary)

Prov 11:2 When pride comes, then comes dishonor,
But with the humble is wisdom. (NASU)

Boast

1 John 2:15-16 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the **pride of life**^{212/213}, is not of the Father, but is of the world. (KJV)

Prov 27:2 Let another praise you, and not your own mouth;
A stranger, and not your own lips. (NASU)

Prov 25:14 Like clouds and wind without rain
Is a man who boasts of his gifts falsely. (NASU)

Prov 25:27 It is not good to eat much honey,
Nor is it glory to search out one's own glory. (NASU)

How does this affect my faith?

- Self promotion works against the basic concept of God being the only one worthy of praise. Humility is a virtue.

How does it affect my congregation?

- No one likes a braggart. It causes division in our relationships and can ruin a reputation.

How does it affect my future?

- Pride can cause you to be self-absorbed. This will affect every relationship in your life.

Young Faith is More Susceptible to Pride

1 Timothy 3:2-6 A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach; Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous; One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?) **Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride⁵¹⁸⁷ he fall into the condemnation of the devil.**

We must replace our pride with confidence.

We must replace our false humility with self-respect and real humility.

We must replace our arrogance with excellence.

We must replace a conceited attitude with one that is down to earth.

Appendix B

Arrogance 5450

5450 phusiosiv {foo-see'-o-sis}

from 5448;; n f

AV - swelling 1; 1

1) a puffing up of soul, loftiness, pride

5448 phusioiw {foo-see-o'-o}

from 5449 in the primary sense of blowing;; v

AV - puff up 7; 7

1) to make natural, to cause a thing to pass into nature 2) to inflate, blow up, to cause to swell up 2a) to puff up, make proud 2b) to be puffed up, to bear one's self loftily, be proud

1. phusiosis NT:5450 denotes "a pumping up, swelling with pride" (akin to phusioo, "to puff up"), 2 Cor 12:20, "swellings."

PUFF (UP)

1. phusioo NT:5448, "to puff up, blow up, inflate" (from phusa, "bellows"), is used metaphorically in the NT, in the sense of being "puffed" up with pride, 1 Cor 4:6,18,19; 5:2; 8:1; 13:4; Col 2:18.

2. tuphoo NT:5187 is always rendered "to puff up" in the RV. See HIGH-MINDED, PROUD.

Proud 5244

5244 uperephanov {hoop-er-ay'-fan-os}

from 5228 and 5316; TDNT - 8:525,1231; adj

AV - proud 5; 5

1) showing one's self above others, overtopping, conspicuous above others, pre-eminent
2) with an overweening estimate of one's means or merits, despising others or even treating them with contempt, haughty

PROUD

huperephanos NT:5244 signifies "showing oneself above others, preeminent" (huper, "above," phainomai, "to appear, be manifest"); it is always used in Scripture in the bad sense of "arrogant, disdainful, proud," Luke 1:51; Rom 1:30; 2 Tim 3:2; James 4:6; 1 Peter 5:5.

Note: For the KJV renderings of the verb tuphoo, in 1 Tim 3:6; 6:4; 2 Tim 3:4, see HIGHMINDED.

Boasters 213

213 a.l.a.z.w.n {al-ad-zone'}

from ale (vagraney); TDNT - 1:226,36; n m

AV - boaster 2; 2

1) an empty pretender, a boaster

BOAST, BOASTER, BOASTFUL

1. alazon NT:213, "a boaster," Rom 1:30 and 2 Tim 3:2, KJV, "boasters," RV, "boastful," primarily signifies "a wanderer about the country" (from ale, "wandering"), "a vagabond", hence, "an impostor.

2. alazoneia NT:212, the practice of an alazon, denotes quackery; hence, "arrogant display, or boastings," James 4:16, RV, "vauntings"; in 1 John 2:16, RV, "vainglory"; KJV, "pride." See PRIDE, VAUNT.

Conceited 5187

5187 t.u.f.o.w {toof-o'-o}

from a derivative of 5188;; v

AV - be proud 1, be lifted up with pride 1, highminded 1; 3

1) to raise a smoke, to wrap in a mist 1a) metaph. 1a1) to make proud, puff up with pride, render insolent 1a2) to be puffed up with haughtiness or pride 2) to blind with pride or conceit, to render foolish or stupid 2a) beclouded, besotted

HIGH-MINDED

1. tuphoo NT:5187 properly means "**to wrap in smoke**" (from tuphos, "smoke"; metaphorically, for "conceit"); it is used in the passive voice, metaphorically in 1 Tim 3:6, "puffed up," RV (KJV, "lifted up with pride"); so 6:4, KJV, "proud," and 2 Tim 3:4, KJV, "highminded." See PROUD, PUFF (up). Cf. tuphomai, "to smoke," Matt 12:20,¶ and tuphonikos, "tempestuous" (with anemos, "wind," understood), Acts 27:14.

Headstrong 4312

4312 prop.e.th.v {prop-et-ace'}

from a compound of 4253 and 4098;; adj

AV - rashly 1, heady 1; 2

1) to fall forwards, headlong, sloping, precipitously 2) precipitate, rash, reckless

HEADSTRONG (RV), HEADY (KJV)

propetes NT:4312 lit. means "falling forwards" (from pro, "forwards," and pipto, "to fall"); it is used metaphorically to signify "precipitate, rash, reckless," and is said (a) of persons, 2 Tim 3:4; "headstrong" is the appropriate rendering; (b) of things, Acts 19:36, RV, "(nothing) rash" (KJV, "rashly").