

Doctrine of Pride (part 12- conclusion)

76. **God judges pride.** Pride and arrogance are never isolated among members of the human race. When a person is proud among fellow human beings, he is also proud against God. God is aware and will discipline Him appropriately in a manner to teach him humility. Arrogance against God is blasphemy.

1 Samuel 2:3 "Boast no more so very proudly, Do not let arrogance come out of your mouth; For the LORD is a God of knowledge, And with Him actions are weighed.

77. **Positive volition to doctrine insulates the soul from pride and at the same time roots out pride.**

- a. Arrogance is the cause of disease called pride. The manifestations of this disease are other mental attitude sins and verbal sins.
- b. Only learning pertinent doctrine can make us aware of deep-seated pride. When you learn doctrine directed toward yourself, you react and resist if you are subjective. You must be objective about yourself when Bible doctrine is your focus.
- c. Positive volition to Bible doctrine is the only way to deal with the source of the disease.

Job 33:16 Then He opens the ears of men, And seals their instruction, 17 That He may turn man aside from his conduct, And keep man from pride;

- d. Respect for God leads to distaste for pride and the evil way. Find a person who really respects Yahweh and you will find a person who appreciates how ugly pride is. It is lack of genuine humility that blinds a person to God and makes him unteachable in doctrine.

Proverbs 8:13 "The fear of the LORD is to hate evil; Pride and arrogance and the evil way, And the perverted mouth, I hate.

- e. Pride always brings dishonor—sooner or later. This dishonor eventually plays itself out among fellow human beings. No one likes being around a proud person. I have always been amazed at how pride can make idiots of people even with high IQs.

Proverbs 11:2, "When pride comes, then comes dishonor."

78. Pride and Psychological problems.

- a. Pride is a great source of psychological problems. Pride divorces one from reality and fragments the soul.
- b. A proud person demands to be the center of attention.
- c. A proud person has many hang-ups and serious flaws.
- d. A proud person lacks capacity for empathy.
- e. A proud person is very defensive.
- f. A proud person is unteachable as far as Bible doctrine. He thinks he has the answers. If things do not go his way, he will leave the church because he was not positive to doctrine to start with. He is only positive to what he thinks is right.
- g. A proud person rejects the authority of the pastor. He would rather argue with the pastor instead of taking the time to study out the controversy.
- h. Pride makes someone very legalistic and hypersensitive; hence, divorced from reality.
- i. Pride also brings a whole complex of sins such as bitterness, egoism, and even guilt. Therefore, the proud person lives in carnality.
- j. A proud person constantly runs others down to build himself up.
- k. Arrogance is often in a dormant form, becoming evident only when the individual is under pressure. A proud person can be very nice as long as things are under his control or going his way. He may seem thoughtful and kind until you cross him.
- l. Because arrogance creates an expanded opinion of self, it creates a maximum hypersensitivity in certain areas of the soul. Proud people are subjective people.
- m. Frustrated pride releases itself in mental attitude sins like jealousy, false motivation, the desire to hurt someone in some way.
- n. Proud people have great problems with sins like jealousy and envy.
- o. Pride destroys capacity for life and love; the proud person really does not appreciate others.

- p. There is no deliverance apart from advance to maturity for the believer, yet he is too arrogant to sit and listen under the authority of a pastor-teacher. He reacts to all teaching because he always thinks he knows better from his own limited and arrogant frame of reference. He cannot see past his own nose.
- q. If pride is not dealt with by the ministry of the Holy Spirit and positive volition to all doctrine, it will grow and if this pattern continues, a psychopathic personality will result.
- r. The psychopathic personality is a disease of emotions, e.g. emotional revolt of the soul. This will result in him living his life in the wilderness instead of in supergrace.
- s. The psychopathic personality is unbalanced and unstable in thinking and emotions. He lacks the ability to evaluate what is real and what is not. He is totally divorced from reality. He lacks the ability to realistically evaluate the object of his/her emotional reactions. This drive toward a false object becomes so intense that reason no longer governs the actions of the individual.
- t. The psychopath loses all objectivity and all ability to reason. He pursues a false object with pseudo-love fanaticism. The person with this hypersensitivity assumes the wildest things and thinks they are real. This is the imbalance with leads to instability. He becomes an emotional wreck. Then he does something to communicate this to the object of his hallucination. When he does, the object, being caught by surprise, often reacts in anger, or indignation, or rejection.
- u. The psychopath now has a hypersensitive reaction which leads to double unreality. This is when the psychopathic personality really begins and when spiritual attention will no longer help. Now the person needs medical attention. These people become vicious, evil people without really intending to be. (Normal daydreaming is not psychopathic hallucination.)
- v. When the intellect controls the emotions, it gives stability to the life. But the psychopathic person, in pursuit of his false object by his purely emotional thinking, can change from a violent love response to a person with unreasonable hatred.
- w. Psychopaths aren't capable of taking in doctrine unless they make a decision to submit to the authority of the Word of God. Unfortunately, they are so arrogant they do not even realize they are negative. They are only too quick to pontificate their "doctrine views" even if they have not done the serious research nor have accepted critiques of their views by competent individuals. The problem is is that they do not think anyone is competent but themselves.

- x. While there is always hope with doctrine, a proud person cannot really take in doctrine. He can only use it in a perverted arrogant way. He may be able to parrot doctrine, but he does not get it; he only uses it for his aims either to correct others or to push his agenda.
- y. The proud person lives in a world of preoccupation with self. Everyone else is just a tool.
- z. The only solution for the proud and arrogant person is to find his right pastor teacher and sit down and shut up and learn for an extended period of time. But a person with pride is generally incapable of doing that. He is unteachable. This does not mean he has to agree with the pastor, but it does mean he needs to learn to actually hear what the pastor is teaching. Pride precludes hearing what anyone is saying or teaching. What is frightening is that he does not even realize that his views are unorthodox or that it is the controversy that motivates him. All he thinks about is making his point; hence, he is unteachable. It is not like the Lord did not foresee this “morbid interest.”

1 Timothy 6:3 If anyone advocates a different doctrine, and does not agree with sound words, those of our Lord Jesus Christ, and with the doctrine conforming to godliness, 4 he is conceited and understands nothing; but he has a morbid interest in controversial questions and disputes about words, out of which arise envy, strife, abusive language, evil suspicions,

79. A proud person does not live in conformity with the laws of divine establishment (natural law). Proud people are generally self-righteous crusaders who have no true respect for government as mandated in the Word of God. They are obsessed with injustices of their government.

- a. Romans 13:1-7 Let every person be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God. 2 Therefore he who resists authority has opposed the ordinance of God; and they who have opposed will receive condemnation upon themselves. 3 For rulers are not a cause of fear for good behavior, but for evil. Do you want to have no fear of authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same; 4 for it is a minister of God to you for good. But if you do what is evil, be afraid; for it does not bear the sword for nothing; for it is a minister of God, an avenger who brings wrath upon the one who practices evil. 5 Wherefore it is necessary to be in subjection, not only because of wrath, but also for conscience ' sake. 6 For because of this you also pay taxes, for rulers are servants of God, devoting themselves to this very thing. 7 Render to all what is due them: tax to whom tax is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor.

- b. In Mt 24:12 the term lawlessness refers to anti-establishment function. This is the arrogance which rejects authority in any phase of the laws of divine establishment. Rejection of any phase of establishment becomes a matter of arrogance.

Matthew 24:12 "And because lawlessness is increased, most people's love will grow cold.

- c. Tyranny is born from pride. Bureaucrats tyrannize with arrogance.
- d. Anti-establishment arrogance is manifest by women's liberation, refusing military service, social welfare, socialism of any kind, communism, or willful violation of a known law of establishment. Those who are against the establishment never have anything better with which to replace the establishment.