

Doctrine of Pride (part 8)

(cont.)

63. Pride corrupts and destroys young people.

Proverbs 1:1 The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel: 2 To know wisdom and instruction, To discern the sayings of understanding, 3 To receive instruction in wise behavior, Righteousness, justice and equity; 4 To give prudence to the naive, To the youth knowledge and discretion . . . 8 Hear, my son, your father's instruction, And do not forsake your mother's teaching; 9 Indeed, they are a graceful wreath to your head, And ornaments about your neck. 10 My son, if sinners entice you, Do not consent. 11 If they say, "Come with us, Let us lie in wait for blood, Let us ambush the innocent without cause; 12 Let us swallow them alive like Sheol, Even whole, as those who go down to the pit; 13 We shall find all kinds of precious wealth, We shall fill our houses with spoil; 14 Throw in your lot with us, We shall all have one purse," 15 My son, do not walk in the way with them. Keep your feet from their path, 16 For their feet run to evil, And they hasten to shed blood. 17 Indeed, it is useless to spread the net In the eyes of any bird; 18 But they lie in wait for their own blood; They ambush their own lives. 19 So are the ways of everyone who gains by violence; It takes away the life of its possessors. 20 Wisdom shouts in the street, She lifts her voice in the square; 21 At the head of the noisy streets she cries out; At the entrance of the gates in the city, she utters her sayings: 22 "How long, O naive ones, will you love simplicity? And scoffers delight themselves in scoffing, And fools hate knowledge? 23 "Turn to my reproof, Behold, I will pour out my spirit on you; I will make my words known to you. 24 "Because I called, and you refused; I stretched out my hand, and no one paid attention; 25 And you neglected all my counsel, And did not want my reproof; 26 I will even laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your dread comes, 27 When your dread comes like a storm, And your calamity comes on like a whirlwind, When distress and anguish come on you. 28 "Then they will call on me, but I will not answer; They will seek me diligently, but they shall not find me, 29 Because they hated knowledge, And did not choose the fear of the LORD. 30 "They would not accept my counsel, They spurned all my reproof. 31 "So they shall eat of the fruit of their own way, And be satiated with their own devices. 32 "For the waywardness of the naive shall kill them, And the complacency of fools shall destroy them. 33 "But he who listens to me shall live securely, And shall be at ease from the dread of evil."

- ✓ Pride in young people is manifested by rejection of doctrine and parental authority.
- ✓ Pride is manifested in young people by their scoffing and making fun of others.
- ✓ Every young person is given the opportunity to accept doctrine and find blessings or reject doctrine and end up fragmented, miserable, and under severe divine discipline—like the sin unto death.

64. Pride corrupts and destroys wives.

- a. Pride manifests itself in a wife by her trying to dominate her husband. Among Christians this often takes place by her being preoccupied with his lack of learning and applying Bible doctrine in reference to her—i.e., loving her. The Bible is clear that even if the husband is negative to the Word of God, she is not to nag him about it. In fact the Bible says she is to keep her mouth shut. Instead of nagging him about doctrine, she is to concentrate on living out the spiritual life:

1 Peter 3:1 In the same way, you wives, be submissive to your own husbands so that even if any of them are disobedient to the word, they may be won without a word by the behavior of their wives,

- b. An arrogant wife is a wife who is unhappy. I am sure that you have heard, “if momma is not happy, then no one is happy.” There is truth in this statement. As a homemaker, the wife sets the atmosphere for the husband and the children. If she complains and is miserable, then it tends to incite misery for everyone.

Proverbs 21:9 It is better to live in a corner of a roof, Than in a house shared with a contentious woman.

- c. An arrogant wife uses sex as a reward. If she is not treated properly, then she withholds “favors,” e.g., “I have a headache.” Of course, if she is always complaining and miserable, then she is not going to be very alluring for him either. The BIBLE is clear that both the husband and wife have sexual responsibilities to each other. Failure to fulfill each other sexually can lead to such perversions as mental adultery and masturbation.

1 Corinthians 7:2 But because of immoralities, let each man have his own wife, and let each woman have her own husband. 3 Let the husband fulfill his duty to his wife, and likewise also the wife to her husband. 4 The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does; and likewise also the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does.

- d. An arrogant wife refuses to let her husband be the leader; it is beneath her to submit to him.

Colossians 3:18 Wives, be subject to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.

1 Peter 3:1 In the same way, you wives, be submissive to your own husbands so that even if any of them are disobedient to the word, they may be won without a word by the behavior of their wives,

- e. An arrogant wife is usually too self-absorbed to be very industrious or trustworthy. She is generally lazy (except never too lazy to complain or mouth off). She does not respect the Lord by respecting His Word, in intake or application. She is the antithesis to the biblical example of an excellent doctrinal woman. She honors her husband!

Prov. 31:10 An excellent wife, who can find? For her worth is far above jewels. 11 The heart of her husband trusts in her, And he will have no lack of gain. 12 She does him good and not evil All the days of her life. 13 She looks for wool and flax, And works with her hands in delight. 14 She is like merchant ships; She brings her food from afar. 15 She rises also while it is still night, And gives food to her household, And portions to her maidens. 16 She considers a field and buys it; From her earnings she plants a vineyard. 17 She girds herself with strength, And makes her arms strong. 18 She senses that her gain is good; Her lamp does not go out at night. 19 She stretches out her hands to the distaff, And her hands grasp the spindle. 20 She extends her hand to the poor; And she stretches out her hands to the needy. 21 She is not afraid of the snow for her household, For all her household are clothed with scarlet. 22 She makes coverings for herself; Her clothing is fine linen and purple. 23 Her husband is known in the gates, When he sits among the elders of the land. 24 She makes linen garments and sells them, And supplies belts to the tradesmen. 25 Strength and dignity are her clothing, And she smiles at the future. 26 She opens her mouth in wisdom, And the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. 27 She looks well to the ways of her household, And does not eat the bread of idleness. 28 Her children rise up and bless her; Her husband also, and he praises her, saying: 29 "Many daughters have done nobly, But you excel them all." 30 Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain, But a woman who fears the LORD, she shall be praised. 31 Give her the product of her hands, And let her works praise her in the gates.

- f. An arrogant wife has a very ugly soul instead of the beautiful soul adorned with doctrine that God has designed for her. He is unattractive emotionally and spiritually. Note how the beauty of a wife's soul is connected to her submissiveness to her husband:

1 Peter 3:3 And let not your adornment be merely external-- braiding the hair, and wearing gold jewelry, or putting on dresses; 4 but let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the imperishable quality of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is precious in the sight of God. 5 For in this way in former times the holy women also, who hoped in God, used to adorn themselves, being submissive to their own husbands. 6 Thus Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, and you have become her children if you do what is right without being frightened by any fear.

- g. An arrogant wife often is trying to please everyone else but the husband. She lives for her kids, her neighbors, and self, and her husband comes in last place. She, then, wonders why there is stagnancy in the marriage.

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