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### Am I an Arrogant Christian?

### <u>James 4:6</u>: (NASB) But He gives a greater grace. Therefore, it says, God is opposed to the proud but gives grace to the humble.

We have all seen arrogance. Sometimes it comes across as ultimate confidence and a sense of indestructibility, and we might admire it. Sometimes it comes across as a cocky, self-absorbed perspective, and we are appalled by it. The point is whether we are looking at someone in their self-proclaimed loftiness in a positive or a negative way, we are still seeing an ego gone awry. Having addressed what we see in others, we now need to look in the mirror. Are we in our blessed positions of Christian faith arrogant because we believe we have the truth of God's word? Be careful with this answer because in some ways it might be a trick question! Is there a difference between arrogance and confidence, personal pride and being pompous?

Finding the potential source of our personal arrogance requires multiple steps.

### First, we look at a small sample of Scriptures defining arrogance:

<u>Proverbs 16:18-19</u>: (NASB) <sup>18</sup>Pride (arrogance/majesty) goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before stumbling. <sup>19</sup>It is better to be humble in spirit with the lowly than to divide the spoil with the proud.

<u>1 Timothy 3:6</u>: (NASB) And not a new convert, so that he will not become conceited (inflated with self-conceit) and fall into the condemnation incurred by the devil.

<u>1 John 2:15-16</u>: (NASB) <sup>15</sup>Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. <sup>16</sup>For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride (braggadocio/boastful) of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world.



Second, we look at psychology to show us important distinctions between pride and arrogance.

(Source: https://www.psychologytoday.com/ca/blog/finding-new-home/201806/what-is-thedifference-between-pride-and-arrogance Excerpts from *What is the Difference Between Pride and Arrogance*) Pride in one's successes might promote positive behaviors in the achievement domain...and contribute to the development of a genuine and deep-rooted sense of selfesteem. ...Arrogance refers to excessive and overbearing pride. ...If you are arrogant, you are also more likely to compare everyone's accomplishment against your (incomparable) accomplishment, constantly reaffirming your own superiority.

Pride in one's work or accomplishment can be a good thing but being "puffed up" never is.



### < CQRewind () Narcissism traits, The Psychology of Narcissism, W. Keith Campbell

• The fifth edition of the American Psychiatric Association's Diagnostic and Statistical Manual describes several traits associated with narcissistic personality disorder. They include a grandiose view of oneself, problems with empathy, a sense of entitlement and the need for admiration or attention. What makes these traits a true personality disorder is that they take over people's lives and cause significant problems. Imagine that instead of caring for ye children, you use them as a source of attention or admiration



significant problems. Imagine that instead of caring for your spouse or children, you use them as a source of attention or admiration or imagine that instead of seeking constructive feedback about your performance, you instead told everyone who tried to help you that they were wrong.

Jeremiah 9:23 warns that arrogance can result when we make a show of our:

• Wisdom





### Where can arrogance come from and how can we put it in its place?

Jeremiah 9:23-24: (NASB) <sup>23</sup>Thus says the LORD, Let not a wise man boast (make a show) of his wisdom, and let not the mighty man boast of his might, let not a rich man boast of his riches; <sup>24</sup>but let him who boasts boast of this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the LORD who exercises lovingkindness, justice and righteousness on earth; for I delight in these things, declares the LORD.

If we want to make a show about something, praise God to others!

To "alleviate" is to make something more bearable or to correct it:



Honesty about our personal areas of strength is an important place to begin, because where we are strong dictates where we can also be weak.

Our strengths can be traps if we do not use them in the right way.

## What is the easiest thing to forget or put aside that would open the door to becoming arrogant?

Because we are physical beings, we tend to hold onto the tangible things in life far more easily than the intangible. Unfortunately, the MOST important thing to hold onto is godliness - which happens to be one of those intangibles. Put down godliness and watch how quickly our minds begin to stray.





James 4:13-17: (NASB) <sup>13</sup>Come now, you who say, Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city and spend a year there and engage in business and make a profit. <sup>14</sup>Yet you do not know what your life will be like tomorrow. You are just a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away. <sup>15</sup>Instead, you ought to say, If the Lord wills, we will live and also do this or that. <sup>16</sup>But as it is, you boast in your arrogance; all such boasting is evil. <sup>17</sup>Therefore, to one who knows the right thing to do and does not do it, to him it is sin.

Our decisions should incorporate a consideration of God's will. We should not be arrogant in making the big decisions of life.

Judge ourselves better, Why Incompetent People Think They're Amazing, David Dunning, TED-Ed

• But psychological research suggests that we're not evaluating ourselves accurately. In fact, we frequently overestimate our own abilities. Researchers have a name for this phenomenon, the Dunning-Kruger Effect. This Effect explains why more than 100 studies have shown that people display illusory superiority. We judge ourselves as better than others to a degree that violates the laws of math. When software engineers at two companies were asked to rate their performance, 32 percent of the engineers at one company and 42 percent at the other put themselves in the top 5 percent. In another study, 88 percent of American drivers described themselves as having aboveaverage driving skills. These aren't isolated findings. On average, people tend to rate themselves better than most in disciplines ranging from health, leadership skills, ethics and beyond.

Human nature leads us to open the door to arrogance. We do not want to have an arrogant spirit before God.



This sounds obvious, but how often do we listen to peer pressure or our own desires without consulting God?



### An End Times prophecy with a profound phrase for our lesson:

<u>Psalms 46:6-11</u>: (KJV) <sup>6</sup>The heathen raged, the kingdoms were moved: he uttered his voice, the earth melted. <sup>7</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah. <sup>8</sup>Come, behold the works of the LORD, what desolations he hath made in the earth. <sup>9</sup>He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth; he breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder; he burneth the chariot in the fire. <sup>10</sup>Be still and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth. <sup>11</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah.

In the tumult of our personal lives, we need to remember: *Be still and know that I am God.* A basic law of "spiritual physics" is that godliness and arrogance cannot occupy the same space. Is godliness the centerpiece of our lives?



### Daniel's response:

Remember Daniel and Nebuchadnezzar? For more on this topic, please search our archives for Episode #813 "Why Was Daniel So Special? (Part III)"

Long after Daniel is established as a man of God and a man of honor, the king has a dream of a tree being cut down. No one can interpret it, so Daniel comes in and hears the dream.

Daniel 4:19: (NRSV) Then Daniel... was severely distressed for a while. His thoughts terrified him... (He) answered, My lord, may the dream be for those who hate you, and its interpretation for your enemies!

God had blessed Daniel with instant knowledge of this dream, and it was BAD NEWS for the king.

## Daniel boldly interprets the dream as one of disaster for the king, due to the king's unflinching arrogance:

<u>Daniel 4:27</u>: (NRSV) Therefore, O king, may my counsel be acceptable to you: atone for your sins with righteousness, and your iniquities with mercy to the oppressed, so that your prosperity may be prolonged.



### The consequence for unheeded warnings:

Daniel 4:29-31: (NRSV) <sup>29</sup>At the end of twelve months (God gave the king an entire year to make a change of heart!) he was walking on the roof of the royal palace of Babylon, <sup>30</sup>and the king said, Is this not magnificent Babylon, which I have built as a royal capital by my mighty power and for my glorious majesty? <sup>31</sup>While the words were still in the king's mouth, a voice came from heaven: O King Nebuchadnezzar, to you it is declared: The kingdom has departed from you!

For the next seven years Babylon was without a king because his mind made him roam about as a beast!

We see a tremendous fall from this huge pedestal of arrogance. Daniel warned him, and the king knew of the power of God and still remained arrogant. But the story did not end there...



### The results of a truly humbled heart:

<u>Daniel 4:34</u>: (NRSV) <sup>34</sup>When that period was over, I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted my eyes to heaven, and my reason returned to me. I blessed the Most High and praised and honored the one who lives forever. For his sovereignty is an everlasting sovereignty, and his kingdom endures from generation to generation.

This shows us we can fall into arrogance and get up again. We just need to sincerely look up and put God first.

### Arrogance asserts itself in areas we are good at. What area of life brings the most recognizable arrogance?

This area of life is probably not the most common place for arrogance to flourish but is likely the most recognizable. Humanity thrives when there is leadership. Too often this powerful tool of moving groups to action is corrupted by the leader absorbing the successes of those they lead.



<u>1 Peter 5:1-3</u>: (NASB) <sup>1</sup>Therefore, I exhort the elders among you, as your fellow elder and witness of the sufferings of Christ, and a partaker also of the glory that is to be revealed, <sup>2</sup>shepherd the flock of God among you, exercising oversight not under compulsion, but voluntarily, according to the will of God; and not for sordid gain, but with eagerness; <sup>3</sup>nor yet as lording it over those allotted to your charge, but proving to be examples to the flock.

Peter, of all men, could teach the leaders humility. He was the very important spokesperson for the apostles, yet addressed the church leaders *as your fellow elder*. His growth and maturity are startling after considering his many mistakes recorded in the Bible. He exhorted the leaders to be *examples to the flock*, not wolves among the flock.



<u>1 Peter 5:4-7</u>: (NASB) <sup>4</sup>And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory. <sup>5</sup>You younger men, likewise, be subject to your elders; and all of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, for God is opposed to the proud (haughty), but gives grace to the humble. <sup>6</sup>Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, <sup>7</sup>casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you.

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In the Bible, often when the potential for arrogance is raised, the remedy is provided.

There is a difference between recognizing an accomplishment as something worthy vs. exalting the accomplishment. We do not want to use the leverage of pushing someone else down to push ourselves up.



God lifts us in the right way.

It is okay to say, "Thank you, good job" to those around us. The recipient should accept a legitimate compliment with a, "You're welcome. By God's grace," in a humble way. NOT accepting the compliment may be a way of saying, "I can't take that compliment. I am too humble." Be on guard!

Do not know how to change, Why Incompetent People Think They're Amazing, David Dunning, TED-Ed

• So, who is most vulnerable to this delusion? Sadly, all of us, because we all have pockets of incompetence we don't recognize. But why? When psychologists Dunning and Kruger first described the Effect in 1999, they argued that people lacking knowledge and skill in particular areas suffer a double curse. First, they make mistakes and reach poor decisions, but second, those same knowledge gaps also prevent them from catching their errors. In other words, poor performers lack the very expertise needed to recognize how badly they are doing. For example, when the researchers studied participants in a college debate tournament the bottom 25 percent of teams in preliminary rounds lost nearly four out of every five matches, but they thought they were winning almost 60 percent. Without a strong grasp of the rules of debate, the students simply couldn't recognize when or how often their arguments broke down.

We need to be self-aware of how much we do not know. God, by His grace, will make up the difference. Arrogance of leadership can be a big trap.

Let's get back to Daniel. It is now 13 years after the death of Nebuchadnezzar.

### Belshazzar, the young egotistical co-king, makes a great feast for a thousand of his nobles:

<u>Daniel 5:2-3</u>: (NRSV) <sup>2</sup>Under the influence of the wine, Belshazzar commanded that they bring in the vessels of gold and silver that his father Nebuchadnezzar had taken out of the temple in Jerusalem, so that the king and his lords, his wives, and his concubines might drink from them. <sup>3</sup>So they brought in the vessels of gold and silver that had been taken out of the temple, the house of God in Jerusalem, and the king and his lords, his wives, and his concubines drank from them.



Belshazzar was possibly the grandson of Nebuchadnezzar.

His drunken revely has expanded and degraded to now defile the temple vessels and to include women in his folly, and they all drank from those sacred vessels of God.

Mysterious handwriting appeared on the wall. The fearful king panics and calls in the astrologers, Chaldeans and soothsayers and offers a reward for understanding the mysterious writing.



"Belshazzar's Feast," by Rembrandt, Oil on canvas Circa 1635–1638 National Gallery, London

### Daniel is finally summoned:

<u>Daniel 5:17</u>: (NASB) Then Daniel answered and said before the king, Keep your gifts for yourself or give your rewards to someone else; however, I will read the inscription to the king and make the interpretation known to him.

Daniel then recaps the history of King Nebuchadnezzar.

### He then directly faces the arrogance of this young and prideful man:

Daniel 5:22-23,26-28: (NASB) <sup>22</sup>Yet you... Belshazzar, have not humbled your heart, even though you knew all this, <sup>23</sup>but you have exalted yourself against the Lord of heaven...and you have praised the gods of silver and gold, of bronze, iron, wood and stone... But the God in whose hand are your life-breath and all your ways, you have not glorified... <sup>26</sup>This is the interpretation of the message: Mene - God has numbered your kingdom and put an end to it. <sup>27</sup>Tekel - you have been weighed on the scales and found deficient. <sup>28</sup>Peres - your kingdom has been divided and given over to the Medes and Persians.

### The warning to Christian leaders today:

<u>2 Timothy 4:3-5</u>: (NASB) <sup>3</sup>For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, <sup>4</sup>and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths. <sup>5</sup>But you, be sober in all things, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

### So far, we have looked at the arrogance of those in power. What do the rest of us need to watch out for?

Because there are few shepherds and many sheep does not mean the sheep have no worries regarding arrogance. On the contrary, we need to double down in our efforts to maintain humility. The temptation of being enticed by arrogance is actually *more insidious* for those who follow.



(Source: http://personalityspirituality.net/articles/the-michael-teachings/chieffeatures/arrogance Excerpts from *What is the Difference Between Pride and Arrogance*) ...Arrogance is a way of manipulating others' perceptions of yourself in order to avoid taking a "hit" to your self-esteem. The basic strategy is to get others to see you as special, perfect or flawless - diverting attention from your ordinary imperfections, weaknesses and failings - and thereby keeping your self-esteem artificially inflated.



Sometimes we find Christian leaders we more readily relate to and can learn from. We can appreciate them and let them know, but what about beyond that?

## Paul is continuing his arguments against divisions and placing himself and his friend and brother, Apollos, into the middle of things:

<u>1 Corinthians 4:6-10</u>: (NASB) <sup>6</sup>Now these things, brethren, I have figuratively applied to myself and Apollos for your sakes, so that in us you may learn not to exceed what is written, so that no one of you will become arrogant (inflated) in behalf of one against the other.

Paul is warning, "The danger here is that you as followers will become arrogant, using Apollos and me as pawns for your arrogance."

<sup>7</sup>For who regards you as superior? What do you have that you did not receive? And if you did receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it?

In other words, "We are all servants. When you start to elevate your 'group,' you are putting your group on a plateau, announcing yourselves as different or better than the rest."

### Paul's argument here is simple - EVERYTHING about the grace of God through Christ is a gift:

<sup>8</sup>You are already filled, you have already become rich, you have become kings without us; and indeed, I wish that you had become kings so that we also might reign with you.

Paul is being sarcastic.

### Paul's argument here is simple - you are haughty when you ought to be humble! Now his conclusion:

<sup>9</sup>For, I think, God has exhibited us apostles last of all, as men condemned to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men. <sup>10</sup>We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are prudent in Christ; we are weak, but you are strong; you are distinguished, but we are without honor.

These followers in their divisiveness were acting superior to even the apostles!

The arrogance of following is that we can improperly build up a person or group, helping us to feel superior.

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Christian Questions recently received an email from a Lutheran Pastor in North Dakota. We disagreed on some doctrinal issues and we gave our perspective. The attitude with which he wrote back was wonderful. We got the sense of someone who was asking with sincerity. While we did not agree, it was clear we were working towards the same goal of spreading the gospel message. We deeply appreciate his humble attitude. (Excerpt below.)



...Please know that I chose to focus on what we have in common rather than what we disagree about. And to affirm that the main thing is the main thing; that being that salvation is found in the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Thanks again for your work in the kingdom of God!

## (1)) Two of three coping tips, Communication Tips: Understanding Arrogance, Alexa Fischer

• From time to time, yes, I do meet which one could consider arrogant people, and for me, I try to make them feel a little bit more calm around me. Or, I create this little space between us so that if there is an idea that's coming out, let it float a little bit before immediately reacting. When you have that kind of negative energy coming at you it's so easy to immediately respond, but you don't want to respond. You just want to get a little space and say, "Ooh, that's an interesting idea, okay, I can think about that." Give it some space so you're not getting the daggers. The other thing is, you need to be hyper aware of your feelings around arrogant people, because subconsciously they're trying to tear you down a little bit because of their own insecurity. So, you need to really make sure when you're feeling it coming at you that you're really protecting yourself. That you're kind of creating this bubble and this wall, this invisible wall, like a firewall between you and that individual.



It is okay to recognize someone for their talent, good work or encouragement. It is not okay to lift them above others. We are all part of *the body of Christ*. It does not matter which part we are; we each have an integrated function with all of the other parts. (See <u>1 Corinthians 12:15-26</u> for more on this.)



### The elevation of leaders who did not want to be elevated:

<u>1 Corinthians 3:4-10</u>: (NASB) <sup>4</sup>For when one says, I am of Paul, and another, I am of Apollos, are you not mere men? <sup>5</sup>What then is Apollos? And what is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, even as the Lord gave opportunity to each one. <sup>6</sup>I planted, Apollos watered, but God was causing the growth. <sup>7</sup>So then neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but God who causes the growth.

Each leader did what they were called to do.



### Followers need growth (leaders do, too!):

<sup>8</sup>Now he who plants and he who waters are one; but each will receive his own reward according to his own labor. <sup>9</sup>For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building. <sup>10</sup>According to the grace of God which was given to me, like a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and another is building on it. But each man must be careful how he builds on it.

Paul has been firm: STOP the foolish clamoring an arrogant perspective brings and simply grow.

### We have God first, leading and following. What about the arrogance that can quietly grow where no one sees?

The difficult thing about arrogance is it is both an internal threat as well as an external threat. We can look at how we come across to others and see a reasonable and humble approach, but what about what is going on inside our heads and hearts? How do we measure that?



<u>James 4:1-4</u>: (NASB) <sup>1</sup>What is the source of quarrels and conflicts among you? Is not the source your pleasures that wage war in your members? <sup>2</sup>You lust and do not have; so, you commit murder. You are envious and cannot obtain; so, you fight and quarrel. You do not have because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup>You ask and do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend it on your pleasures. <sup>4</sup>You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore, whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

Becoming an enemy of God is essentially saying we do not need Him. This begins with our heart's desires.







James 4:5-8: (NASB) <sup>5</sup>Or do you think that the Scripture speaks to no purpose: He jealously desires the Spirit which He has made to dwell in us? <sup>6</sup>But He gives a greater grace. Therefore, it says, God is opposed to the proud (conspicuous, haughty), but gives grace to the humble. <sup>7</sup>Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup>Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

When we find ourselves in an arrogant position, these texts show us how to back down. Any one of us can be arrogant.

Proverbs 3:34: (KJV) Surely, he scorneth the scorners: but he giveth grace unto the lowly.

<u>Philippians 2:3</u>: (KJV) ...but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.

Is the lowly person one who thinks they have nothing at all to offer?

(I))Narcissism causes two kinds, The Psychology of Narcissism, W. Keith Campbell

• So, what causes narcissism? Twin studies show a strong genetic component, although we don't know which genes are involved, but environment matters, too. Parents who put their child on a pedestal can foster grandiose narcissism, and cold, controlling parents can contribute to vulnerable narcissism. Narcissism also seems to be higher in cultures that value individuality and self-promotion. In the United States, for example, narcissism as a personality trait has been rising since the 1970s, when the communal focus of the 60s gave way to the self-esteem movement and a rise in materialism. More recently social media has multiplied the possibilities for self-promotion. Though it's worth noting that there is no clear evidence that social media causes narcissism; rather, it provides narcissists a means to seek social status and attention.

Sometimes arrogance can be manifested in our lack. We perhaps cannot do what others can, so we have pride and might even brag about our inabilities. It may be that when we take on the air of "everybody is better than me," we are creating an attitude of arrogance.

### The Parable of the Talents illustrates this:

<u>Matthew 25:24-27</u>: (NASB) <sup>24</sup>And the one also who had received the one talent came up and said, Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you scattered no seed. <sup>25</sup>And I was afraid and went away and hid your talent in the ground. See, you have what is yours. <sup>26</sup>But his master answered and said to him, You wicked, lazy slave, you knew that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I scattered no seed. <sup>27</sup>Then you ought to have put my money in the bank, and on my arrival, I would have received my money back with interest.

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The one-talent servant figured he knew the master's mind and could be a step ahead of him. Jesus is our master. Do we bury our talents instead of using them to honor God? It was arrogant of the servant to do nothing. We may not have the talents or opportunities of others, but why did God call us? We all have something to offer, even if it is the power of prayer. Be engaged! God did not call us to sit on the sidelines.

(1)) Three, send compassion, Communication Tips Understanding Arrogance, Alexa Fischer

• And then thirdly, really send them some compassion. If you know that it's coming from a place of insecurity or you have a hunch, or you want to buy into my theory, send them compassion because insecurity is painful. Insecurity is something that is a challenge. So, like anybody you would come into contact who had a challenge, send them your grace to help ease their insecurity. And when you're coming from that place, believe me the dynamics change instantly and suddenly they feel okay to come down a few pegs. And you meet them somewhere in the middle and then you can truly have a meaningful exchange. Try it.

(Source: https://www.noomii.com/articles/3618-how-to-overcome-the-perception-of-beingarrogant Excerpt from: *How to Overcome the Perception of Being Arrogant*)

Symptoms of arrogance:

- Others describe you as cold and detached
- You think that you are always right
- You dismiss others' inputs and feelings as inferior
- You frequently critique others work and ideas and correct their thinking
- You believe your ideas are always better than others

What you can do to overcome arrogance:

- 1. Listen, ask questions, and collaborate
- 2. Share credit and build others up
- 3. Do not correct others unless they give you permission
- 4. Seek feedback

This is an important part of our Christian walk. Be aware, be humble. We are to glorify God with our thoughts and actions instead of glorifying self.

So, am I an arrogant Christian? For Jonathan and Rick and Christian Questions... Think about it...!



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### **Bonus Material!**

But enough about me. Let's talk about you. What do you think of me? - C.C. Bloom (Bette Midler), Beaches (1988 film)

True humility is not thinking less of yourself, but thinking of yourself less. - C.S. Lewis

You never really learn much from hearing yourself speak. -George Clooney

More information on the words defined as arrogance:

Arrogance: Strongs #212 alazoneia braggadocio, i.e. (by implication) self-confidence

#### Only used twice:

James 4:16: (NASB) But as it is, you boast in your arrogance <212>; all such boasting is evil.

1 John 2:15-16: (NASB) <sup>15</sup>Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. <sup>16</sup>For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride <212> of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world.

#### **Boaster:** Strongs #213 *alazon* braggart

### Only used twice:

Romans 1:30: (KJV) Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters <213>, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,

2 Timothy 3:2: (KJV) For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters <213>, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

### Arrogance or leadership? Leadership!

### Notice the guidance and encouragement that accompanies the strong direction:

Philippians 4:9-14: (NASB) <sup>9</sup>The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you. <sup>10</sup>But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly, that now at last you have revived your concern for me; indeed, you were concerned before, but you lacked opportunity. <sup>11</sup>Not that I speak from want, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am. <sup>12</sup>I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need. <sup>13</sup>I can do all things through Him who strengthens me. <sup>14</sup>Nevertheless, you have done well to share with me in my affliction.

### Scriptures reminding us of our personal position related to others:

1 Corinthians 12:14-20: (NASB) <sup>14</sup>For the body is not one member, but many. <sup>15</sup>If the foot says, Because I am not a hand, I am not a part of the body, it is not for this reason any the less a part of the body. <sup>16</sup>And if the ear says, Because I am not an eye, I am not a part of the body, it is not for this reason any the less a part of the body.  $^{17}$ If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? <sup>18</sup>But now God has placed the members, each one of them, in the body, just as He desired. <sup>19</sup>If they were all one member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup>But now there are many members, but one body.

<u>1 Corinthians 12:22-26</u>: (NASB) <sup>22</sup>On the contrary, it is much truer that the members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary; <sup>23</sup> and those members of the body which we deem less honorable, on these we bestow more abundant honor, and our less presentable members become much more presentable, <sup>24</sup>whereas our more presentable members have no need of it. But God has so composed the body, giving more abundant honor to that member Christian Questions ©2019 all rights reserved

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which lacked, <sup>25</sup>so that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup>And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it.

<u>Revelation 3:14-19</u>: (NASB) <sup>14</sup>To the angel of the church in Laodicea write: The Amen, the faithful and true Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God, says this: <sup>15</sup>I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot; I wish that you were cold or hot. <sup>16</sup>So because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of My mouth. <sup>17</sup>Because you say, I am rich, and have become wealthy, and have need of nothing, and you do not know that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked, <sup>18</sup>I advise you to buy from Me gold refined by fire so that you may become rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself, and that the shame of your nakedness will not be revealed; and eye salve to anoint your eyes so that you may see. <sup>19</sup>Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline; therefore be zealous and repent.

1 Corinthians 1:18-31: (NASB) <sup>18</sup>For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the cleverness of the clever I will set aside. <sup>20</sup>Where is the wise man? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not come to know God. God was well-pleased through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For indeed Jews ask for signs and Greeks search for wisdom; <sup>23</sup>but we preach Christ crucified, to Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. <sup>26</sup>For consider your calling, brethren, that there were not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble; <sup>27</sup>but God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to shame the things which are strong, <sup>28</sup> and the base things of the world and the despised God has chosen, the things that are not, so that He may nullify the things that are, <sup>29</sup>so that no man may boast before God. <sup>30</sup>But by His doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption, <sup>31</sup>so that, just as it is written, Let him who boasts, boast in the Lord.

# The Daniel story of the "Handwriting on the Wall." Notice the loud arrogance of the king vs. the humility, honesty, respect, courage and compassion of Daniel. Dare to be a Daniel:

Daniel 5:1-31: (NASB) <sup>1</sup>Belshazzar the king held a great feast for a thousand of his nobles, and he was drinking wine in the presence of the thousand. <sup>2</sup>When Belshazzar tasted the wine, he gave orders to bring the gold and silver vessels which Nebuchadnezzar his father had taken out of the temple which was in Jerusalem, so that the king and his nobles, his wives and his concubines might drink from them. <sup>3</sup>Then they brought the gold vessels that had been taken out of the temple, the house of God which was in Jerusalem; and the king and his nobles, his wives and his concubines drank from them. <sup>4</sup>They drank the wine and praised the gods of gold and silver, of bronze, iron, wood and stone. <sup>5</sup>Suddenly the fingers of a man's hand emerged and began writing opposite the lampstand on the plaster of the wall of the king's palace, and the king saw the back of the hand that did the writing. <sup>6</sup>Then the king's face grew pale and his thoughts alarmed him, and his hip joints went slack and his knees began knocking together. <sup>7</sup>The king called aloud to bring in the conjurers, the Chaldeans and the diviners. The king spoke and said to the wise men of Babylon, Any man who can read this inscription and explain its interpretation to me shall be clothed with purple and have a necklace of gold around his neck, and have authority as third ruler in the kingdom. <sup>8</sup>Then all the king's wise men came in, but they could not read the inscription or make known its interpretation to the king. <sup>9</sup>Then King Belshazzar was greatly alarmed, his face grew even paler, and his nobles were perplexed. <sup>10</sup>The queen entered the banquet hall because of the words of the king and his nobles; the queen spoke and said, O king, live forever! Do not let your thoughts alarm you or your face be pale. <sup>11</sup>There is a man in your kingdom in whom is a spirit of the holy gods; and in the days of your father, illumination, insight and wisdom like the wisdom of the gods were found in him. And King Nebuchadnezzar, your father, your father the king, appointed him chief of the magicians,



conjurers, Chaldeans and diviners. <sup>12</sup>This was because an extraordinary spirit, knowledge and insight, interpretation of dreams, explanation of enigmas and solving of difficult problems were found in this Daniel, whom the king named Belteshazzar. Let Daniel now be summoned and he will declare the interpretation. <sup>13</sup>Then Daniel was brought in before the king. The king spoke and said to Daniel, Are you that Daniel who is one of the exiles from Judah, whom my father the king brought from Judah? <sup>14</sup>Now I have heard about you that a spirit of the gods is in you, and that illumination, insight and extraordinary wisdom have been found in you. <sup>15</sup>Just now the wise men and the conjurers were brought in before me that they might read this inscription and make its interpretation known to me, but they could not declare the interpretation of the message.  $^{16}$ But I personally have heard about you, that you are able to give interpretations and solve difficult problems. Now if you are able to read the inscription and make its interpretation known to me, you will be clothed with purple and wear a necklace of gold around your neck, and you will have authority as the third ruler in the kingdom. <sup>17</sup>Then Daniel answered and said before the king, Keep your gifts for yourself or give your rewards to someone else; however, I will read the inscription to the king and make the interpretation known to him. <sup>18</sup>O king, the Most High God granted sovereignty, grandeur, glory and majesty to Nebuchadnezzar your father. <sup>19</sup>Because of the grandeur which He bestowed on him, all the peoples, nations and men of every language feared and trembled before him; whomever he wished he killed and whomever he wished he spared alive; and whomever he wished he elevated and whomever he wished he humbled. <sup>20</sup>But when his heart was lifted up and his spirit became so proud that he behaved arrogantly, he was deposed from his royal throne and his glory was taken away from him. <sup>21</sup>He was also driven away from mankind, and his heart was made like that of beasts, and his dwelling place was with the wild donkeys. He was given grass to eat like cattle, and his body was drenched with the dew of heaven until he recognized that the Most High God is ruler over the realm of mankind and that He sets over it whomever He wishes. <sup>22</sup>Yet you, his son, Belshazzar, have not humbled your heart, even though you knew all this, <sup>23</sup>but you have exalted yourself against the Lord of heaven; and they have brought the vessels of His house before you, and you and your nobles, your wives and your concubines have been drinking wine from them; and you have praised the gods of silver and gold, of bronze, iron, wood and stone, which do not see, hear or understand. But the God in whose hand are your life-breath and all your ways, you have not glorified. <sup>24</sup>Then the hand was sent from Him and this inscription was written out. <sup>25</sup>Now this is the inscription that was written out: Mene, Mene, Tekel, Upharsin. <sup>26</sup>This is the interpretation of the message: Mene–God has numbered your kingdom and put an end to it. <sup>27</sup>Tekel–you have been weighed on the scales and found deficient. <sup>28</sup>Peres-your kingdom has been divided and given over to the Medes and Persians. <sup>29</sup>Then Belshazzar gave orders, and they clothed Daniel with purple and put a necklace of gold around his neck, and issued a proclamation concerning him that he now had authority as the third ruler in the kingdom. <sup>30</sup>That same night Belshazzarthe Chaldean king was slain. <sup>31</sup>So Darius the Mede received the kingdom at about the age of sixty-two.

