

**General Topics :: Brokenness Vs. Pride****Brokenness Vs. Pride - posted by hmmhmm (), on: 2010/12/7 15:12**

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<https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/visit.php?lid=16813> i have heard this so many times i lost count and yet every time it speaks to me.

When God has given me a broken heart I'm overwhelmed with a sense of my own spiritual need.

When I live a broken Christian life, there is a spirit of compassion about my life because I can forgive much because I know how much I have been forgiven. I always esteem others better than myself.

When I serve God with a broken heart I have a dependent spirit and I recognize my need for others.

When I serve God with a broken life, I've learned the secret of denying myself.

When my heart is broken before God, I have a motivation to serve others. I'm motivated to be faithful before God, and to make others a success.

When my heart is broken before God, I have a deep desire to promote other believers. I have a sense of my own unworthiness. And I'm so thrilled that God would use me in any kind of a ministry or any kind of a fellowship. I'm always eager for others to get the credit. And when my heart is broken, I rejoice, when others are lifted up. And I never defend myself.

When my heart is broken before God, I have a heart attitude that says "I do not deserve to be part of this fellowship. I know that I've got nothing to offer God, except the life of Christ that is flowing through my broken life."

And when I'm broken before God, I'm so humiliated by how much more I have to learn, I'm not concerned about the self-life, and I'm willing to take risks to become vulnerable, and to be close to others, and to open my life to love other people.

And when I serve God with a broken heart, I always take personal responsibility. And I can see where I have done wrong, in any kind of a situation.

And when I'm broken before God I always receive criticism, with a humble and with an open spirit. I'm not concerned, I'm concerned about being real. And what they care about and what matters to those who are broken, is not what others think, but it's what God knows about them. And I'm willing to die to my own reputation.

And when I live a broken Christian life, I'm willing to be open and transparent with others, as God will direct me. And whence I'm broken before God, I don't care who knows or who finds out about me. I am willing to be exposed because I have nothing to lose in my relationship with God.

So, when I serve God with a broken heart, I'm always quick to admit my failures, and I want to seek forgiveness, whenever it is necessary.

When I live a broken Christian life, and I'm under the conviction of God's Spirit, I'm able to acknowledge the specifics about my sin. I'm grieved over the cause of my sin, and I'm grieved over the root of my sin.

And when I'm broken before God, I truly and genuinely repent over my sin, and the evidence in the fact is that I want to forsake that sin.

When I live a broken Christian life, I want to take the initiative to be reconciled when there has been a misunderstanding, or a conflict in any kind of a relationship. I want to race to the cross, I want to see if I can get there first no matter how wrong the other person may have been.

And when I'm broken before God, I compare myself with the holiness of God. I sense the desperate need of the mercy and the grace of God. I always want to walk in the light.

And when I serve God with a broken spirit, I realize that I have a need of a consistent, cleansing of heart and repentance.

And when I'm broken before God, I continually sense my need for a fresh encounter with God the Holy Spirit.

But when there is pride in my life as a Christian, I always focus on the failures of other Christians and other fellowships.

When there is pride in my life, I've got a very self-righteous spirit. I've got a critical spirit. I have a fault finding spirit. And I look at everyone else's faults through the microscope, but I always look at my own faults through the telescope. And I always look down upon the lives of other people.

When there is pride in my life I have an independent and a self-sufficient spirit. I'm protective of my time, I try to protect my reputation and my rights as a Christian, and I focus on the deficiencies of other Christians.

When there is pride in my life I want to be served by other Christians. I've got a desire that... to be successful, I want to advance the self-life.

And when there is the sin of pride in my life, I've got this drive, I want to be appreciated, I want to be recognized, I'm offended and I'm wounded when other Christians are promoted, and I have been overlooked, because of what I have done.

When there is pride in my life, I've got this inner attitude, and this is what I said, that this fellowship is very privileged to have me and my gifts and all I think as what I can do for God.

And when there is pride in my life I'm confident, about how much I've learned of the Scriptures, and how far I have gone in my relationship with God.

And when there is pride in my life, I always keep people at a distance.

When there is pride in my life, I want to blame other people.

When there is pride in my life, I'm unapproachable.

When there is pride in my life, I'm defensive when I'm criticized by other Christians.

And when there is the sin of pride in my life, I'm so concerned to be respectable, I'm concerned about what other people think of me, and I try to protect my image and my reputation.

And when there is pride in my life I find it very difficult to share my spiritual needs.

When there is the sin of pride, I want to be sure that no one else find out that I have sinned. And I try to cover up sin. And I have this instinct to try and not to reveal it.

And when there is pride in my life I always want to make sure that no one else finds out when I have sinned, and I try to cover it up. And I find it very very difficult to say "you know, I'm wrong, will you please forgive me".

When there is pride in my life, I'm concerned about the consequences of my sin, I'm remorseful over my sin, simply because I've been caught, that I have sinned before God and sinned before man.

And when there is pride in my life, I always wait for others to come and ask for forgiveness, when there is a misunderstanding or a conflict, in my relationship with God.

When there is pride in my life I try to compare myself with other Christians, and other believers and other fellowships. And I always think that I'm better than them.

When there is pride in my life I'm blind. I become blind to my own heart condition.

When there is pride in my life I don't think that there is anything in my life that I need to repent of. I don't think that I need revival. Oh but I'm so sure that everyone else needs revival in my relationship with God.

- The preceding was transcribed from a message given by Gerhard Du Toit titled "Principles for the Anointed Prayer Life"

Re: Brokenness Vs. Pride - posted by Joyful_Heart, on: 2010/12/8 10:53

This is fantastic. Thank you so much. We, I need all I can to keep me on the straight and narrow. Glory to God for this. I shall keep it and read it often. Again thank you so much.

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2010/12/8 11:22

Amen. This is great brother. Oh that we would be broken.

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2010/12/8 14:18

A suggestion to the mods: keep this at the top of this forum so it can be easily seen and then read.

This article cuts it to the quick fast and without much ado.

Thanks for posting, Christian.

Re: Brokenness Vs. Pride, on: 2010/12/8 16:47

I think this article is so true, and something I definitely can relate to personally.

Re: Brokenness Vs. Pride - posted by sonsigns (), on: 2010/12/9 21:19

I haven't listen to the audio yet, however, I loved your posting. I like what Paul the Apostle said, "Jesus must increase, while I decrease".

Re: Brokenness Vs. Pride - posted by hmmhmm (), on: 2010/12/12 10:29

I find this quote is so true many times:

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Re: Another thought on normal usage of 'pride' - posted by ArtB (), on: 2010/12/20 21:32

I fully agree with the initial post of this thread. My concern rest in the differing legitimate meanings of the English word: 'pride'.

A long time ago, when i was 8 years old, I watched a TV program, a sit-com, like Father knows Best or leave it to Beaver , or maybe the Nelson family. The theme of the show was that a skilled painter came back to their house to re-do the paint job at his own cost, and without being asked to redo the paint job, because he knew he erred, and being an artisan who takes 'pride' in his work, he just had to correct his work for his own sake. At 8, I already knew that 'Pride goeth before a fall'. And I became conflicted, how can pride possibly be good.

Answering it today is easy. Neither greek nor Hebrew use the word pride. Pride in English has several meanings.

1. An inordinate self-esteem: Conceit.
2. A reasonable and justifiable self respect.
3. Delight or elation arising from some act, possession, or relationship e.g. .

In Hebrew (ga'avah), this is the word translated most of the time as 'pride', meaning: haughty, arrogant, puffed up with self-importance.

In Greek of the NT, in my Bible (NASU), pride only appears 3 times.

Mark 7:22

Pride (Gr. Hupereefania, meaning haughtiness).

2 Co 5:12

12 We are not again commending ourselves to you but are giving you an occasion to be proud of us, so that you will have an answer for those who take PRIDE in appearance and not in heart. NASU

Pride (Gr. Kauchema) NT:2745

kauchema (kow'-khay-mah); from NT:2744; a boast (properly, the object; by implication, the act) in a good or a bad sense:

This sense of 'pride' can be good or bad, depending on usage. Paul points out that their pride is misplaced (bad), because their 'pride' is misplaced, being on appearance. Had it been in heart, their pride would have been justified. This definition of pride could have been translated as 'to glory in'.

1 Jn 2:15-17

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. 16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the BOASTFUL PRIDE of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. 17 The world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever.

NASU

PRIDE: (gr. alazoneia) Bragadoccio, bragging, boastful.

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As a Construction Contractor, I took pride in hiring talented Construction workers who took pride in their work, because it relieved me of the concern that my company was delivering an inferior product, and other problems down the road.

Of course, my definition of pride was "A reasonable and justifiable self respect." of my employees, and of myself in how I conducted business for the benefit of my customers, providing the service and quality they ought to receive.

I have this thing about the meaning of words, and the meaning we convey in their usage.

None of what I wrote is intended to disagree with any of the sense and meaning given in the initial post in this thread. But do not discourage any knee jerk reaction against any person who may say they take pride in their work or serving the Lord. In English, the usage of 'Pride' does not always entail the Hebrew meanings of "haughty, Arrogant, or Puffed up with self-importance." Context is important.

Re: - posted by jimp, on: 2010/12/21 0:21

hi, many years ago God used me in a mighty way and after a while i started to think that something i was doing was special and the result was pride...the miracles stopped and i soon realized what a jerk i had become.it has taken many years to overcome this sin against God. He will not share His glory.jimp

Re: - posted by Areadymind (), on: 2010/12/21 0:39

Thank you for sharing that Jimp.

Re: - posted by Renoncer, on: 2010/12/21 7:40

Thanks for sharing that, jimp.

This sin is particularly binding, because it affects a person's perception of spirituality. For instance, someone can be fooled into thinking that he is filled and baptized with the Holy Spirit because he is looking for indications that he is more spiritual than others (i.e., a superior level of spirituality). Thus, when the counterfeit comes (counterfeit tongues, counterfeit miracles, counterfeit feelings of spirituality, etc.), the person assumes that this must be the real thing, thereby indicating the person's superior spirituality. Hence, someone will claim to be filled with the Holy Spirit because he speaks gibberish, because people get out of control under his influence, and because he speaks very passionately and with a loud voice. As such, these indicators become the point of reference for determining one's own superior spirituality.

However, God defines spirituality very differently. Namely, according to God, someone is spiritual if he is poor in spirit, meek, merciful, unconditionally loving, filled with self-control, knowing nothing but Christ and Him crucified, exalting the Lord Jesus Christ, not thinking that he is better than others but recognizing that God gives the same Spirit to all for the common good, restoring transgressors with gentleness, increasing in the knowledge of God, and thinking of himself with sober judgment (Matthew 5:3-10, Galatians 5:22-23, 1Corinthians 2:1-16, 1Corinthians 12:1-7, Colossians 1:9-10, Romans 12:3).

Therefore, this whole concept of exalting oneself goes against the will of God. In fact, it is an act of the sinful nature which must be put to death by the Spirit. The reality is that God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.

I am glad that God has convicted you of your sin, jimp. I can tell you that God has done the same for me, over and over again. Praise the Lord for His discipline! Apart from the grace of God, I would have no desire to walk in obedience! If God withdrew His gracious love from me, I would fall back into wickedness in a heartbeat. Therefore, may all the glory be given to Him for this salvation and sanctification that He works in his children. He is the author and the perfecter of our faith. Praise be to His Name!

Renoncer