

(ABC's that threaten Christian living)

Pride And Arrogance

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Timeless Truths (Why should I avoid pride and arrogance?)

1. Because the "pride" (Gr. "aladzoneia") of life is not of the Father but of the world, 1 Jn 2:16.
2. Because "pride" started with the Devil (Isa. 14:12-18 "I will;" Ez. 28:17 "lifted up") and those who are puffed up with "pride" (Gr. "tuphoo") fall into the same condemnation as the Devil, 1 Tim. 3:6.
3. Because in the last days men who do not love the Lord will be "boasters" (Gr. "aladzon") and "proud" (Gr. "huperephanoi"), 2 Tim. 3:2.
4. Because "pride" (Gr. "huperephania") defiles a person, Mk. 7:22-23; and is sin, Prov. 21:3.
5. Because "pride" (Gr. "tuphoo") leads to disputes and arguments, 1 Tim. 6:4; Prov. 28:25; contention, Prov. 13:10; and destruction, Prov. 16:18; 29:23.
6. Because "boasting" (Gr. "kauchaomai") in your "arrogance" (Gr. "aladzoneia") is evil, James 4:16; and is an abomination to God, Prov. 6:16; 16:5.
7. Because God resists the "proud" (Gr. "huperephania"), Ja. 4:6; 1 Pt. 5:5; and actually brings hardship upon the proud, Ps. 31:23; Isa. 2:12; 13:11.
8. Because those who did not retain God in their knowledge became "proud" (Gr. "Huperephania") and "boasters" (Gr. "aladzonas"), Romans 1:28-30.

Practical Prescriptions (How can I avoid pride and arrogance?)

1. Humble yourself and allow God to lift you up in His timing!

"Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up." Ja. 4:10 (2 Chron. 32:26).
"...Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble." 1 Pt. 5:5.

2. Hope in the Lord and not in yourself or your possessions!

"And when your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and your gold are multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, when your heart is lifted up, and you forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage;" Deut. 8:13-14

3. Honor God in the decisions and directions of your life!

"Come now, you who say, today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit.... Instead you ought to say, if the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that. But now you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. "
Ja. 4:13,15-16.

"For the wicked boasts of his heart's desire; He blesses the greedy and renounces the Lord. The wicked in his proud countenance does not seek God; God is in none of his thoughts." Ps. 10:4.

4. Harmonize your life with wisdom and patience!

"I, wisdom, dwell with prudence... the fear of the Lord is to hate evil; pride and arrogance and the evil way..." Prov. 8:12-13.

"... The patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit," Ecc. 7:8.

5. Hesitate to associate with those who are prideful!

"If anyone teaches otherwise... he is proud... from such withdraw yourself." 1 Tim. 6:3-5.