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Lesson Three: Pride

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Luke 9:62

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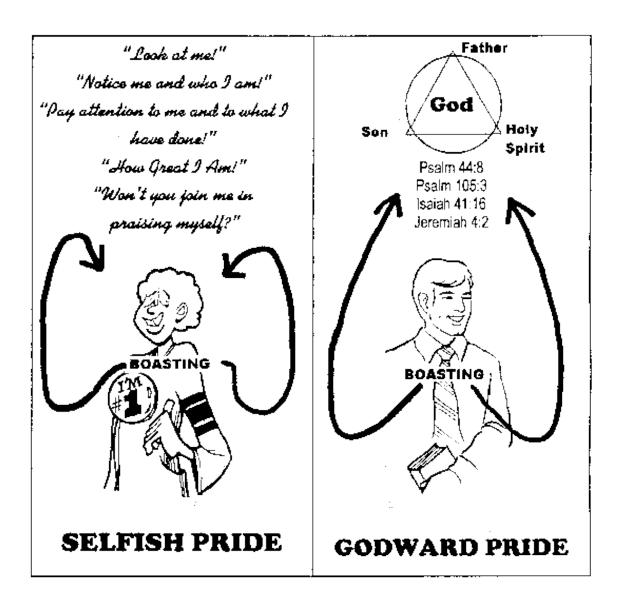
The Problem of Pride

"He who boasts, Let him boast IN THE LORD" 1 Cor. 1:31

"That no flesh should glory (boast) in His Presence" (1 Cor. 1:29).

The BOASTER is the person who praises himself and brags about what he has done. The Bible teaches us
that we are not saved by " of righteousness which
" (Titus 3:5) but we are saved because of the work which Christ
has done of the cross! Therefore, since salvation is not by human effort or works, it is unthinkable and
unfitting for a saved person to (Eph. 2:9; see also Romans 4:2 where the
expression "to glory" means "to boast"). Since salvation is by faith and not by works, boasting is
(Rom. 3:27-28). The person who boasts has faith in himself; the
person who is saved has faith in Christ alone.
Being saved is a very humbling experience! PRIDE has kept millions of people from coming to the Saviour.
Read carefully the parable which the Lord Jesus told in Luke 18:9-14 and discuss the following questions: 1) Why did the Lord speak this parable?
2) Which man boasted and bragged about his accomplishments?
Which man humbled himself before God?

4)	Which man thought he was saved?
5)	Which man really was saved?
6)	What is necessary before a person can really be saved?
	Is It Always Wrong to Boast?
The L	ord wants us to boast and brag! He forbids us, however, to boast and brag about ourselves:
In the	verses we will be considering in this chapter, whenever we find the word "glory" in the King James
Bible,	it may be translated "boast."
"But h	e that (boasteth) let him (boast) the"
	2 Cor. 10:17 (also see 1 Corinthians 1:29, 31).
	ing (bragging) in and of itself is not sinful. It quickly becomes sinful when we boast in the control of the co
be pro	oud creatures— PROUD OF HIM! There is nothing wrong with pride, but we must make sure pride is
direct	ed toward God and not toward self. We need to develop Godward pride! Are you PROUD of the
living	God, the Creator of the universe? The following illustration will help you to see the difference
betwe	en boasting in self (sinful boasting) and boasting in the Lord (righteous boasting).



Instead of wanting attention for myself, I want God to have all the attention! Instead of showing off, I want to show God off. Instead of proudly telling everyone about me and all my accomplishments, I want to tell everyone about Christ and all His accomplishments. Instead of seeking the preeminence (first place) in everything (3 John 9), I want Christ to have preeminence (Col. 1: 18)! Instead of having everything revolve around me, I want everything to revolve around Christ. Just as in our solar system everything revolves around the sun, so spiritually everything should revolve around the Son of God. He is the Center!

THE BOASTING WHICH GOD HATES

Write out Jeremiah 9:23:	 	 	

Notice the kinds of boasting which God hates:

1) Boasting in **MIND POWER**:

The wise man says, "Look how much! know! No one needs to tell me how to live life!"

2) Boasting in MUSCLE POWER:

The **mighty** man says, "Look at what I have done. Look at what I have accomplished! I don't need anyone to help me. I can do it.

3) Boasting in **MONEY POWER**:

The **rich man** says, "Look at all that belongs to me! Look at all that I have! 1 am rich and in need of nothing" (Psalm 49:6; compare Revelation 3:17).

THE BOASTING WHICH GOD LOVES

Write out JEREMIAH 9:24:	
What kind of boasting pleases and delights the Lord? _	

- 1. The true **wise man** is the person who realizes how ignorant he is before a God who is all-knowing and all-wise (Isaiah 55:7-9; Romans 11:33-36).
- 2. The true **mighty man** is the person who realizes how weak and needy he is before a God who is Almighty and All-Powerful (2 Corinthians 12:9-10).
- 3. The true **rich man** is the person who realizes that he has nothing in himself but everything in Christ (2 Cor. 6:10; 8:9).

Boasting or Praise?

The Hebrew word for "boasting" is HALAL. This word is also the Hebrew word for "praising" (compare the Hebrew expression HALLELUJAH" which means "Praise the LORD!"). Whenever we praise ourselves, we are boasting! When we say, "Look how great I am!", we are boasting! When we say, "Look how great God is!", then we are praising! Boasting in self is sin, boasting in God (praise) is our duty as creatures (Psalm 33:1; 147:1)!

The Apostle Paul's Boasting

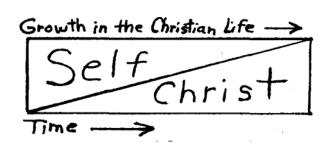
In Philippians 3:3 Paul wrote, "For we are the circumcision, who worship God in the spirit and REJOICE

(]	(BOAST) in Christ Jesus, and have	in the flesh. Paul would only boast in				
C	Christ Jesus! He refused to boast in anything that he wa	as or in anything that he did. Read Philippians 3:4-6. Wh				
W	were some of the things that Paul could have boasted in					
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A	According to Galatians 6:14 there was only one thing t	hat Paul would boast about. Keep in mind that the word				
":	"glory" means "board" Circle the correct answer:					
	a. His Jewish upbringing.					
	b. His education.					
	c. His position as a Pharisee.					
	d. His Saviour, and what He had done for	him on the cross.				
	e. His righteous living according to Jewis	h law.				
	Self-Magnification	on or Christ-Magnification?				
R	Read Psalm 34:1-3 and answer the following question	S:				
	. Who should I bless (speak well of)?					
2.	. How often?					
4.	. In whom should I boast?					
6.	. Who should we magnify?					
7.						
8.		praising, boasting, magnifying, exalting), will he be very				
	happy in heaven (see Rev. 4:8-11; 5:12-14)?					
A	According to Philippians 1:20, what was Paul's great ho	be and expectancy?				
		ect through a MAGNIFYING GLASS, it looks BIGGER				
a		o BIG and IMPORTANT, that when you looked at Paul's				
	life, who did you see (Philippians 1:21)?	,				
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John	the	Baptist	also	wanted	Christ	to be	magnified	. In	John	3:30	he	said,	"He	(Christ)	must
				(be	ecome b	igger a	nd bigger!),	but	I must	<u> </u>				(be	ecome
small	er an	d smaller	·)."												
Chris	t mus	t increase	e; Self	must dec	rease (co	mpare	the words o	f the l	nymn "	Not I,	But (Christ")! The	morning	star at
first	seems	s very br	ight, b	ut as the	sun rise	es, the	star fades u	ıtil it	is seen	no m	nore!	Jesus	is the	"	of
righte	eousn	ess" (Ma	lachi 4	:2) and H	Ie must i	ncrease	<u>.</u> !								

"Less of me and more of Jesus; Less of self, O Lord I pray;

Till I am so lost in Jesus that I live like Him each day!"



Do You Think You Are Something? What do you think of yourself? What is your opinion of yourself? What is your estimate of yourself--below average? average? good? great? the greatest? How do you rate yourself? Everyone wants "to be something." I want to be somebody of importance. I want to be somebody that others notice and appreciate. I want to amount to something! I want to be able to say, "I'M SOMEBODY!" We are somewhat surprised, therefore, to read Galatians 6:3 and to discover that although we may think we are ___, in reality (from God's point of view) we are _____! We are not as important as we thought we were! If you were to drop dead today (compare Luke 12:20), would the world be able to go on without you? Would you be long remembered as some great personage? Often we think too ______ of ourselves (Romans 12:3). Did Theudas (Acts 5:36) and Simon (Acts 8:9) think too highly of themselves? _____ Did Paul think too highly of himself (Ephesians 3:8; 1 Corinthians 15:10; 2 Corinthians 12:11)? We think we are something; God says we are (Galatians 6:3). We want to be able to say, "I'M SOMEBODY!"; God says, "YOU'RE _____." We think we're a BIG NUMBER, God says we are ZERO! This is humbling!

Don't be discouraged at your own NOTHINGNESS and UNIMPORTANCE! The good news is that God in His

grace is able to make something out of nothing! Martin Luther once said, "God created the world out of nothing (Genesis 1:1; Hebrews 11:3) and as long as we are "nothing" God can make something out of us!" In and of ourselves, we are NOTHING, BUT. . .

In Christ we are really something!

"I'm Nothing!" "I'm Really Something!"



(I'm super importanti) 2 Cor. 5:17 Gal. 8:15

By God's Grace

Apart from Christ



- I am a citizen of Heaven (Philippians 3:20).
- I am an ambassador for Christ (2 Corinthians 5:20).
- I am a servant to God (Romans 6:32).
- I am a new creature (2 Corinthians 5:17).
- I am a member of the body of Christ (I Corinthians 12:13; 13:27).
- I am a stone in the building (I Peter 3:5).
- I am a branch in the Vine (John 15:5)
- I am a sheep in His flock (John 10:27-28).
- 10. I am a subject in His kingdom (Colossians 1:13).

Just to name a few!

How did we (believers) get to be so IMPORTANT (1 Corinthians 15:10; 1 Timothy 1:14; 1 Corinthians 4:6-

God's Perfect Pride

God is the only Person in the Universe who has a ri	ght to be PROUD and who can say, "I'M THE
GREATEST!" Why is it wrong for any creature to say th	is? Why is it right for God to say this (1 Chronicles
16:25; Psalm 145:1-3)?	God is the only Person who has a right
to BOAST ABOUT HIMSELF and to demand PRAISE from	
The Lord Jesus once referred to "the city of the	King" (Matthew 5-35; compare Psalm 48:1-
2). Who is this GREAT KING (see Revelation 19:19; John	1:1,14; Revelation19:16-17)?
Therefore, when Jesus spoke of "the great King," WHO was	He referring to?
He called Himself <i>GREAT</i> ! Is He?	
The World's G	reatest Jew
Suppose you were to ask your Jewish friends, "Who was the	greatest Jew who ever lived?" How do you think they
would answer? Would they say Abraham? Jacob? Moses? Da	avid?
As we study the gospel accounts, we discover that the Lord	Jesus claimed to be the greatest Jew who ever lived!
Let us consider these amazing claims:	
1) Jesus Claimed to be Greater than Abraham, the Fathe	r of the Nation (John 8:53-58).
Notice the question that the Jews asked Jesus in verse 53	. Read the answer Jesus gave them in verses 56-58.
Abraham lived about 2000 B.C. What would you think if so	omeone came up to you today and claimed to be over
2,000 years old (though he only looked about 30 years old)?	?! Yes, Jesus claimed to be far greater than Abraham!
He claimed to be the ETERNAL GOD, the GREAT "I AM"	(compare Exodus 3:14)!
2) Jesus Claimed to be Greater than Jacob, the Father of	the Children of Israel (John 4:12-14).
Notice again the important question in verse 12. Jesus answe	ers this question by contrasting two kinds of water. The
water which came from Jacob's well could only satisfy ma	n's physical needs (verse 13). The water which came

3) Jesus Claimed to be Greater than Moses, the Great Leader of Israel (Luke 9:28-36).

Moses himself predicted that God would someday raise up a Great Prophet and Israel was told to *listen* to this Prophet and *hear* His words (see Deut. 18:18-19). In Luke 9:33 two great Old Testament prophets appeared with the Lord on the Mount of transfiguration. Who were they? Peter, in his ignorance, wanted to honor all three *EQUALLY* (verse 33). God the Father had to teach Peter that only ONE of these three should be honored above all others! Notice in verse 35 that God did *not* say to "hear Moses." Therefore, who is greater?

"a	than Jona	ah," preached to the wicked Jews of His	day and they failed to repent!
5) Jesus Claimed to be Gr	eater than Dav	vid, Israel's Greatest King (Matthew	22:41-46; compare Psalm 110:1).
The Jews knew that the Mo	essiah would be	e David's Son (Matthew 22:42; 12:23).	In Psalm 110:1, David referred to
the Messiah as his Lord! He	ow could David	l's Son be David's Lord? The answer is	found in Romans 1:3-4. As perfect
Man Christ was the son (de	escendant) of D	avid (Matt.1:1). As the Son of God Chr	rist was David's Lord and Saviour!
In John 13:16 Jesus said,	"The	is not greater than his	." Therefore, if Christ is
David's Lord and Master, v	who is greater?		

4) Jesus Claimed to be Greater than Jonah, Israel's Great Missionary Prophet (Matthew 12:41).

Solomon was the wisest king who ever lived (1 Kings 3:12-13), but his wisdom was nothing compared to the wisdom of the KING OF KINGS who shall someday reign (compare Isaiah 11:2-3)! Solomon's glorious kingdom

was nothing compared to the future millennial kingdom of Christ (Isaiah 2:2-5; 9:6-7; 11:4-9; etc.).

7) Jesus Claimed to be Greater than Any Jew who Ever Lived Because He Alone Claimed to be GOD! Study these amazing claims: John 5:17-18; 8:58-59; 10:28-31; 19:7.

ARE YOU PROUD OF THIS GOD? ARE YOU PROUD TO OWN HIM AS YOUR GOD AND SAVIOUR (John 20:28)? DO YOU WANT HIM TO BE MAGNIFIED IN YOUR LIFE? IS HE WORTHY OF YOUR PRAISE? WILL YOU TELL OTHERS ABOUT HIS GREATNESS?

HALLELUJAH!!!

5 Christian Virtues That God Wants Us To Develop:

Do the following MATCHING problem:

1 Worry	A. 1 Peter 2:17
2 Fear	B. Ephesians 4:26
3 Doubt	C.1 Corinthians 7:32
4 Anger	D. 2 Corinthians 10:17
5 Pride	E. 1 John 4:1



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