

BROKENNESS - vs - PRIDE

If, however, we are to come into this right relationship with the Lord Jesus, the first thing we taught by the holy Spirit is that our wills must be broken to His will.

Brokenness is the beginning of an inward Revival if allow the Lord to “break” our self-will. It is painful, it is humiliating, but it is the only way for anyone to truly become one with the Lord. Pride is defined in one word “I”. Jesus taught that a person with a poor spirit is blessed before God. Poor in the sense of lacking in “self” or selfishness.

Matthew 5:3-5 **3 Blessed are the poor in spirit:** for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. **4 Blessed are they that mourn:** for they shall be comforted. **5 Blessed are the meek:** for they shall inherit the earth.

Psalm 51:16-17 **16** For thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give *it*: thou delightest not in burnt offering. **17** The sacrifices of God *are* **a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.**

The Apostle Paul understood this truth and also taught it when writing to the Galatians. Paul speaks about a “crucifixion” or a death of his own will and desires. Paul speaks about his “LIFE” he now lives is by the faith of the Son of God who selfishly gave of himself for all by dying on the cross for the sins of all mankind.

Galatians 2:20

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; **yet not I, but Christ liveth in me:** and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

Pride is the opposite of humility, and humility is learning process through brokenness before the Lord. The bible is very clear when it comes to pride and humility before God. When any of us make anything in life about us, we are prideful and deceived by Satan and are in need of deliverance from a spirit of pride, also known as Leviathan in the bible. Leviathan or “*pride*” is mentioned in the book Job chapter 41, Psalm 74:14, Psalm 104:26, Isaiah 27:1, and Job 3:8 and is portrayed in scripture as a sea creature who was crushed by God.

1 Peter 5:5 Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all *of you* be subject one to another, and **be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.**

The hard “stony heart” of man is the unyielding self, which justifies itself, always seeks or wants its own way, never admits to any wrongdoing because it sees itself as better than others. Pride never contributes to offering any help nor does it seek the welfare or well-being of others, Self only stands up for its “own” rights and makes one think they are entitled, pride demands their way is the best, it seeks its own glory while struggling to “surrender” to do the will of God because “self” is the way. Pride is boastful in self accomplishments and rebellious toward the things of God. Self also struggles in giving of itself in many areas of life, and struggles in hearing to what the Lord is speaking to them.

People who are are like this need deliverance, and only Jesus can deliver them from being a “self-willed” person who is full of pride. Anyone, including any Christian who is self-centered should repent and ask the Lord to not only forgive them of “pride”, but also take necessary steps to correct this behavior because the bible is clear that “**The Lord Resist The Proud**”.

Many folks grow old and lonely in life being full of pride and wonder why others do not like being around them. Society calls these people “narcissist” or “narcissistic personality disorder”.

Narcissistic personality disorder is a mental health condition in which people have an unreasonably high sense of their own importance. They need and seek too much attention and want people to admire them. People with this disorder may lack the ability to understand or care about the feelings of others. The lack or have no “empathy” or “compassion” toward others because it is always about them.

Narcissistic personality disorder can be treated but no “medical cure” exists for this condition. As a trait, narcissism may respond well to professional support but no treatment isn't needed because there is no “known-cure” at present in society.

The Lord can help a person with pride but they must acknowledge who wrong pride is and repent. How can we know that the Lord can help and even deliver such a person from pride? The answer is found in scripture! The “spiritual cure” is a “**spiritual heart transplant**” through deliverance, and a commitment to surrender to doing the will of the Lord in ones life to show compassion toward others.

Ezekiel 36

22 Therefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD; I do not *this* for your sakes, O house of Israel, but for mine holy name's sake, which ye have profaned among the heathen, whither ye went. **23** And I will sanctify my great name, which was profaned among the heathen, which ye have profaned in the midst of them; and the heathen shall know that I *am* the LORD, saith the Lord GOD, when I shall be sanctified in you before their eyes. **24** For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land. **25** Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. **26** **A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.** **27** **And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.**

28 And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God. **29** I will also save you from all your uncleannesses: and I will call for the corn, and will increase it, and lay no famine upon you. **30** And I will multiply the fruit of the tree, and the increase of the field, that ye shall receive no more reproach of famine among the heathen. **31** Then shall ye remember your own evil ways, and your doings that *were* not good, and shall lothe yourselves in your own sight for your iniquities and for your abominations. **32** Not for your sakes do I *this*, saith the Lord GOD, be it known unto you: be ashamed and confounded for your own ways, O house of Israel. **33** Thus saith the Lord GOD; In the day that I shall have cleansed you from all your iniquities I will also cause *you* to dwell in the cities, and the wastes shall be builded. **34** And the desolate land shall be tilled, whereas it lay desolate in the sight of all that passed by. **35** And they shall say, This land that was desolate is become like the garden of Eden; and the waste and desolate and ruined cities *are become* fenced, *and* are inhabited. **36** Then the heathen that are left round about you shall know that I the LORD build the ruined *places*, *and* plant that that was desolate: I the LORD have spoken *it*, and I will do *it*. **37** Thus saith the Lord GOD; I will yet *for* this be inquired of by the house of Israel, to do *it* for them; I will increase them with men like a flock. **38** As the holy flock, as the flock of Jerusalem in her solemn feasts; so shall the waste cities be filled with flocks of men: and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

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