

## Pride & Arrogance Psalm 10:2-6

### King Uzziah

Thought he was above God's Law **2Chronicles 26**

When Uzziah sought Lord, minded religion, God made him prosper. His name was famed throughout all neighboring countries. **26:8,15**

His transgression is found in **26:16-23**

He entered the temple of God attempting to burn incense on altar. The kings before him turned away from God

The root of his problem: pride **26:16**

Priest tried to withstand him to no avail. **26:17-18,80**

Penalty for his pride: leprosy. He was shut out from all society.

### Pride & Arrogant Attitudes Everywhere Today

Attitude of pride occurs many times in the Bible, translated from several different words, never used in a good sense

**Pride:** - High or inordinate opinion of one's own dignity, importance, merit, or superiority, whether cherished in the mind, or displayed in bearing, conduct, etc.; a person or thing that is the source of pride.; unduly high opinion of one's own qualities or merits.

**Arrogance:** the quality of being arrogant; offensive exhibition of assumed real superiority; overbearing pride.

When one thinks that he is above God, he thinks that he is above teaching - pulpit, bible class, or those around him.

Thinks he knows more than they do. He thinks he is better than God.

Thinks he doesn't need to be taught, or reminded of things

**2Timothy 3:7** *always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.*

Should always keep open mind, know they can always learn more.

Some believe they are authority on bible, therefore do not study.

Apply to other things. Sports, fishing, cooking, computers, etc.

**Proverbs 27:2** *Let another praise you, and not your own mouth; A stranger, and not your own lips.*

One thinks that he is superior to his friends.

Makes them aware: by directly telling, or by subtle actions

Always talking about a certain subject, telling about what you did in that subject, how you were right, & they were not a good as you

React negatively to constructive criticism when directed at them.

Or they are too blinded by head swelling to see that criticism applies

When criticized, it is like talking to a brick wall.

Or one has to be so blunt, that the proud person is offended.

When one is puffed up it hurts to deflate them, like popping a blister

### Negative Effects On Those Around Us

**Proverbs 28:25** *An arrogant man stirs up strife, But he who trusts in the Lord will prosper.*

Effects on the husband-wife relationship

**1Peter 3:7** *You husbands in the same way, live with your wives in an understanding way, as with someone weaker, since she is a woman; and show her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life, so that your prayers will not be hindered.*

Head of the house does not mean lord over her! Likewise, equality does not mean wife is better than husband

Haughty attitude can destroy relationship

**Proverbs 16:18** *Pride goes before destruction, And a haughty spirit before stumbling.*

A proud outlook on life affects others that associate with us.

Who wants to associate with one who already knows everything, already an authority on anything, will tell you about it without asking?

Can have an effect on those we are trying to win to Christ

**Colossians 4:5-6** *Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders, making the most of the opportunity. Let your speech always be with grace, as though seasoned with salt, so that you will know how you should respond to each person.*

Have we run someone off from gospel when we didn't even know it?

Maybe by actions, or way we spoke, or by actually saying things.

Shouldn't be haughty with potential convert: should understand where they are coming from. We were there too once.

Proud people often wonder why they do not have that many friends.

A proud person will never consider the opinions of others. Will never be willing to listen to someone else's problems.

Constantly worried about themselves; talks only about themselves

**Galatians 6:3** *For if anyone thinks he is something when he is nothing, he deceives himself.*

**1Corinthians 8:1-2** *Now concerning things sacrificed to idols, we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge makes arrogant, but love edifies. If anyone supposes that he knows anything, he has not yet known as he ought to know; but if anyone loves God, he is known by Him.*

## **The Effects On One Who Is Proud**

Pride & Arrogance becomes a stumbling block for many today...

Pride prevents them from accepting Jesus on His terms!

They think that they can please God and go to heaven on the basis of their good deeds

Therefore, they are unwilling...

To confess their sinfulness, and their need for Jesus Christ

To turn their lives over to Jesus, and to do His Will

Pride is a stumbling block to repentance also.

Many in positions of power/authority can't say "I'm sorry"

Can't apologize & make it right with others.

Satan give you plenty of excuses of why you were right

**Matthew 5:23-24** *Therefore if you are presenting your offering at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and present your offering.*

Can't apologize to God & Return to church.

Many will fall in sin & stay down, because they are too high minded to admit they fell.

Can't admit sin & mistakes if you are always right

**Acts 8:24** *But Simon answered and said, "Pray to the Lord for me yourselves, so that nothing of what you have said may come upon me."*

Those can't apologize & make things right, deny scripture

**James 5:16** *Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.*

Sad part; Destruction awaits those who are disobedient to His will!

For such doom has been appointed by God

**1Peter 2:8** *"A stone of stumbling and A rock of offense"; for they stumble because they are disobedient to the word, and to this doom they were also appointed.*

Without Christ we will die in our own sins

**John 8:24** *Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for unless you believe that I am He, you will die in your sins.*

Righteous punishment can only follow

**Revelation 20:11-15**

## **Self-Examination On These Things**

Are you proud?

If So, have you considered the consequences?

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