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Gasping, nearly breathless, a good-looking grimy faced teenage boy scampered through the military base camp of Israel. Deliberately dodging heaps of assorted weapons, armor, and annoyed soldiers, the boy scanned the multitude of grubby men trying to find his brothers who'd followed King Saul to battle against the Philistines. Spotting them he zigzagged his way toward them to explain that he'd brought them provisions from their father. Their conversation was abruptly interrupted when Goliath, the gargantuan Philistine warrior bellowed blasphemies at the God of Israel at the same time mocking the terrified soldiers of Saul. The boy listened intently as the worried men surrounding him voiced their distress, in chorus declaring that whoever conquered the monster would reap rewards beyond imagination. Unaware of how ridiculous he must have sounded, the boy David bravely confronted them with the truths they craved to hear reminding them that this oversized opponent defied God and should be dealt with severely. Oblivious of how his words had been interpreted, he suddenly found himself the focus of angry rebuke as his elder brother accused him unjustly of irresponsibility and possessing a proud heartfelt motivation to see the battle. Painfully acquainted with his brother's condescending judgments, an unaffected David disregarded the rebuke and repeated his previous remarks to those listening around him. Eager to hear promising words and desperate for a deliverer, his courageous statements reached King Saul's ears that welcomed the lad with mixed feelings and hope. This is a familiar story that ended in triumph. But one must ask: what would have happened had David yielded to the judgmental accusations of his brother? He had been accused of pride and yet in reality he demonstrated this wonderful example of faithful confidence at the same time denying the enemy the right to blaspheme the God of Israel. Would the Philistines have conquered the Israelites?

There are numerous biblical examples that exhibit similar scenarios when someone was accused of being proud whilst in actuality that person was innocent. This kind of blame casting occurs as frequently in contemporary times as it did long ago.

ACCUSED OF PRIDE

Part Three of
"THE SAD SUBTLIES OF PRIDE"
By Dr. Tamara Winslow



Is Pride really the problem?

Pride is very difficult to confront because often what may seem to be egotistical behaviors, words and attitudes to one person will not mean the same thing to someone else. In other words, what one person interprets as pride, another judges as confidence. So who is right? It's hard to say. This means that be-

1 Sam 17: 28 And Eliab his eldest brother heard when he spake unto the men; and Eliab's anger was kindled against David, and he said, Why camest thou down hither? and with whom hast thou left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know thy pride, and the naughtiness of thine heart; for thou art come down that thou mightest see the battle. 29 And David said, What have I now done? Is there not a cause? 30 And he turned from him toward another, and spake after the same manner: and the people answered him again after the former manner. 31 And when the words were heard which David spake, they rehearsed them before Saul: and he sent for him. 32 And David said to Saul, Let no man's heart fail because of him; thy servant will go and fight with this Philistine. 33 And Saul said to David, Thou art not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him: for thou art but a youth, and he a man of war from his youth. KJV

fore we define pride in future articles and describe how it manifests we must first expose the conditions and behaviors that appear as if they are pride or are the root for alleged proud characteristics.

A number of years ago when taking an Institute class through the curriculum that defines, exposes and provides understanding on how to expel pride from their lives a reaction occurred that had not happened before. At the end of the class, one of the students, a seasoned ministry leader, commented that she had often been accused of being proud and needed to forgive the people who had accused her. Several of the other students painfully related their own stories of the judgments that they had personally faced. I realized then and there that it is very difficult to teach about what pride is, how it works and the need



to repent of it if there isn't clarification on how people may accuse you of pride when pride isn't present. This is what we're going to examine in this article. I must state, however, that there are times

when we're confronted about our legitimate arrogant behaviors and when that is so we must humble ourselves, repent and change! Pride tends to cause a form of spiritual blindness and if you have been confronted about it, you may not recognize it for what it is because you can't always see it. This foe is a very sneaky enemy.

Accused of Pride!

In a future article we'll examine the origins, roots and causes for pride but in order to examine the reasons for why people are accused of pride we'll need to consider a few of these roots briefly. Some of the roots affect individual expression, personality, tone of voice, social skills and spiritual manifestations producing characteristics that look like pride but in truth pride is not the reason for the condition.

THE CAMOUFLAGED ROOT OF REJECTION

Rejection often masks itself by using defensive protective behaviors, words and attitudes that would normally be associated with pride. It is one of the reasons someone behaves in a way that seems like pride albeit it is not pride. This is especially true with adults who suffered childhood rejections, bullying, and verbal abuse and were singled out because of learning disabili-

ties, poverty, social dysfunctional behaviors and speech. When ministering to persons who demonstrate prideful manners I will quiz them to determine if they endured a traumatic childhood and faced peer rejection. In nearly every instance what was alleged to be pride was in fact the hidden root of rejecting camouflaged by lifelong defense mechanisms. Once exposed as to the reason for the supposed proud manners, the rejection was identified and healing could begin.

What looks like pride isn't always pride! When rejection is the cause for supposed proud behaviors a variety of extremes in conduct will generally occur.

COMMUNICATION DIFFICULTIES

Some personality types struggle with an inability to spontaneously identify what they feel and think. They're not good at responding to questions that require an emotional response and thought through communication. There is nothing wrong with them it's just not their forte. It takes them time to sort through, distinguish and finally identify what they want to say about their feelings. Even then they find it extremely tough to articulate what is deeply rooted in them. This lag in their communication skills is often interpreted and judged as arrogance. As they can't respond immediately to what is asked of them they are viewed as being elusive and rude, when in fact they simply need time and space to discover their feelings and words.



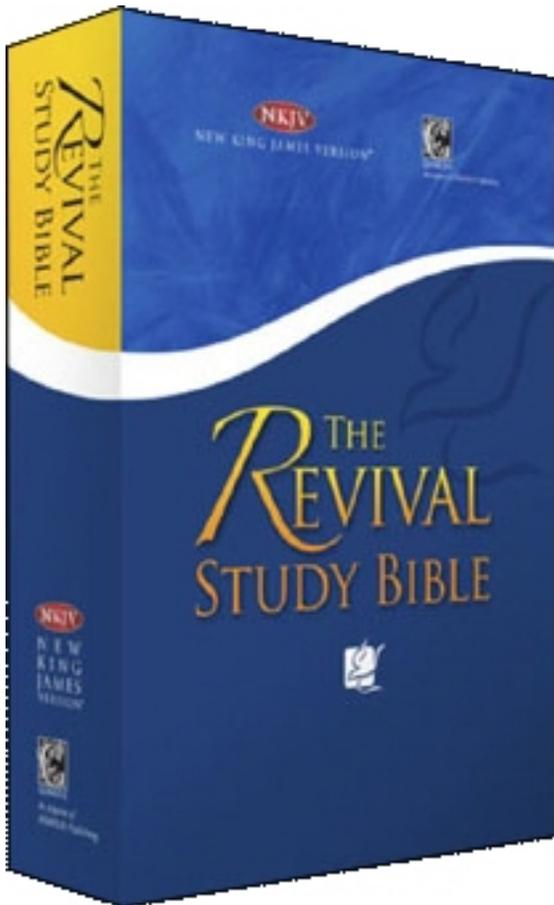
BEHAVIORS THAT ATTRACT OR PRODUCE ACCUSATIONS OF PRIDE

1. The Root of Rejection
2. Inability to communicate what one feels and thinks because of personality struggles that hinder expression
3. Tone and inflections of voice
4. Disagreeing with a superior
Behaviors interpreted as rebellion to authority
5. Desiring to look nice, the best you can be and being interpreted as being vain. This would include Wealth, fine clothes, expensive possessions
6. Refusing to give away what you have simply because people want you to give it to them
7. Confidence in doing anything around others who do not have the same ability
8. Being multitalented, intelligent and skilful and not having a place to use those abilities around people who will appreciate them
9. Success, proven experience
Excessive talking, being too eager to share
10. Taking time away from people, separating yourself for a season
11. Sharing experiences. Knowledge, life, spiritual revelation etc with people who can't relate to it and to you. Excessive talking, being too eager to share

TONE & INFLECTIONS OF VOICE

Controlling the tongue is like restraining the wind. It's very difficult. It's even more challenging to manage the tone and inflections of the voice. Many offenses occur when the tone of what is said is either misinterpreted or the tone comes out all wrong and not as intended. The best of apologies often miserably fail when trying to explain away the unintended, misspoken tone in the speech. Some people sound arrogant because the tone

of their voice gives that impression when in truth their tone could be due to breathing at the wrong time, stumbling while speaking or other accidental tonal affects. I don't know how many times through the years I have kicked myself because



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how I said something was not how I intended it to sound. Ugh. It is by far one of the most awkward and difficult matters to explain and correct. Tone and inflections can be easily distorted by tiny incidences of life and should not be judged as proud so quickly.

DISAGREEING WITH OR KNOWING MORE THAN YOUR ELDERS AND SUPERIORS- BEHAVIORS INTERPRETED AS REBELLION TO AUTHORITIES

Many years ago something happened to me that radically affected my viewpoint on how to interact with older ministers. It happened when I attended a weekend ministry conference with several older women, one of which was a fairly well known prophetess from a nearby state. For some reason she took a disliking to me and made my life miserable during the entirety of the trip. I wanted to go home so badly but had no way to return because we all traveled in the same car when we went to the conference. Grateful the weekend was nearly over the four of us traveled back to our respective homes. The elder prophetess sat in the back seat beside me for the duration of the four hour journey and chattered on and on about great ministries of the past as if she knew them. Most of the time I attempted to nap, and the rest of the time I simply listened keeping my mouth shut for fear of being rebuked or made to feel stupid. As the time went on she began to speak about a well known but deceased minister of whom I had studied in depth saying all sorts of things that I knew were historically incorrect. She was so intense in her statements and influencing the other women with false ideas about the minister that I hesitantly decided to ask her where she learned those things as it was different from what I had read, using a mild tone of voice in order to be safe. To my shock she began to harshly rebuke me for my question and the factual information I had reported about reading in the research materials. Then to top it off she went into a "prophetic mode" prophe-lying that God would never have allowed that famous minister to have fallen into the sin that I had read about in the history books. Her so-called prophecies were manufactured in such a way to humiliate me and exalt herself as being right even though I knew she was wrong. She said I needed to be broken even when pride had nothing to do with why I spoke up, but it looked like it to her.

I've always attempted to honor my elders and respect those in a position of authority over me. My parents were staunch believers that children should not talk back with an arrogant know it all attitude to adults. But that experience taught me a vital lesson. Voicing disagreement, or making challenging comments to elders or persons in authority will almost always be

considered to be rebellious pride, unless you're dealing with an unusual individual.

Regrettably in many cases the pride of youth is all too often the reason for such behaviors, but sometimes, it isn't. I have come to realize and endured developing young leaders that are especially prone to such "self-justified" behaviors and would be wise to learn quickly about what their boundaries and authority actually is. Youthful pride justifies its so-called right to speak up, give opinions and correct the people that are in authority over them or senior. I believe this type of manner has increased because our current culture has encouraged everyone's right to speak without considering what are responsible and respectable behaviors. Honor has gone out the window in preference to "my right" to speak. In our attempts to honor individual



expression we may have reinforced dishonor and selfishness. Sadly, even if the heart is humble and the elder or authority figures is easily offended, even the right statements and truth will be considered prideful.

CONFIDENCE

There is a huge difference between confidence and being overly confident or proud. Confidence operates with a sense of "I know I can do" but humbly realizes that others can too. It is not condescending,

filled with faith and thrills in the joy of being able to accomplish something. It doesn't live for accolades, although they are acknowledged and appreciated without puffing up. Nonetheless, true confidence is often the target of accusations by an assortment of types of people.

David's jealous brother Eliab accused David of being proud because David was confident in God, and the abilities God had given him. Multi-talented people simply endeavoring to do what they are able to do become an unwitting threat to the less talented, family members and to insecure leaders. Consequently, accusers always look for ways and manufacture means to shut down the talented person. The accusers interpret confidence as pride through the distortions of jealousy, competition and insecurity.

Joseph's jealous brothers found a way to silence their spiritually blessed brother by throwing him into a pit, selling him into slavery and blotting out his existence. Joseph's confident speech and manner bordered on boasting and caused him many years of difficulty.

WANTING TO DRESS AND LOOK NICE

Throughout the past centuries of Christian development and doctrine the concept of what can be defined as vanity has altered according to the type of culture and economy that the Church exists in at that time. Scripture offers a wide range of ideas concerning what is vain and what is not. Regrettably, a many centuries old poverty mindset has come to prevail over a great majority of Christendom, contrary to several of the definitions for what salvation means as in prosperity, wealth, and healing. Some Christians have misaligned looking and dressing nicely with vanity and moreover demanded that true humble spirituality requires poverty, poor physical appearance and unkempt clothing. Wanting to look nice, dress fashionably and appear socially appropriate for the culture does not necessarily mean a person is proud. In fact those who fear vanity and therefore dress and look unkempt, unclean and out of fashion can be equally as proud as those who

would use those things to be better than others. I can't begin to tell you of all the times I have heard "proud of their poverty" Christians make religiously ridiculous excuses for their sloppy unkempt appearance. Where did we lose the mindset of being an ambassador for Christ and think that in order to look Christian we have to dress like a bum? I've also heard religiously minded believers state that Jesus was poor. My answer to them is this. Did it ever occur to you, that even if he didn't own a lot of possessions, his garment was worthy of fighting over, because it was the finest of it's kind? So... was Jesus vain because he dressed in the best?

If you desire to dress in a manner that will glorify God, looking like the ambassador He intended you to be, you may be judged as proud. Just remember this. People who refuse to take care of how they look can be as vain as those who don't. Pride is determined by the heart attitude and motivation.

NOT GIVING EVERYTHING TO PEOPLE WHEN THEY WANT YOU TO

No is a powerful word, often necessary, restrictive and frustrating to people whom are takers, greedy and needy. Benevolent Christian charity is central to the message of the Gospel, but it is not without protocols and parameters. Needy people can be desperate and at times extremely demanding sometimes as a cover for their other issues. I have noticed on numerous occasions that people who seek God as to whether to give or not, and then refused to do so, not giving what others want them to give, will be judged as being proud. I honestly believe that in the Church this happens more often than not because our un-

derstanding of monetary distribution to the wants and needs of others is not clearly understood.

Shortly after Pentecost, as the fledgling Church developed into a communal structure, a type of socialist system was enforced. In the early Church a "handout" mentality developed as the communal environment created an unhealthy form of dependence where many of the needy believers expected anyone with any material means to take care of them. Everyone was expected to work and then contribute

their earnings to the corporate need, according to their ability to do so. Persons who didn't do so were shunned. Because of these practices, if the Early Church existed today, it would be considered a cult. Furthermore, poverty was considered an honorable condition because it placed everyone on the same level. In addition, according to the early Christians, private ownership of property was considered a result of sin. As a result the personal private storehouse of goods was automatically expected to be at the disposal of all guests like a common treasury. Therefore,

no one was to be rich or lacking. Everyone was taken care of by the communal distribution of wealth. Some Bible scholars however question if these practices or systems were actually the will of God, considering the various teachings of Jesus indicating that owning property was in God's plan, as well as other examples pertaining to increase and gain (Mark 10:29-31; Luke 18:29-30). It is highly probable that the Early Church leaders overreacted and took a stance that was in effect more religious than biblical or spiritual. The reason this system is questionable is because the extremist communal teachings and practices restricted many people from becoming Christians. For example, wealthy persons desiring to become a member of the Church could only do so after they'd stripped themselves of their wealth so that others could be taken care of. To be wealthy and stingy was scorned to such an extent that many of the rich avoided becoming Christians because they weren't willing to hand over their riches for dispersion to the masses, and possibly, for another good reason.

In addition to this, both historically and biblically, there was an increasing problem amongst believers who'd developed a "handout" mentality. Paul attempted to address this issue in his letters to various churches under his authority (2Thess 3:10-12). It wasn't, however, until the times of Constantine the Great that these attitudes began to change, some for the better, some for the worse. The "handout" mentality of the past regrettably continues to this day. Christians inside and outside the pulpit ministry unequivocally expect others to take care of them, refusing to take responsibility for themselves. As a result, the idea of work is repugnant to many believers who have



become dependent on love gifts and financial support. Addicted to such a mindset, if called upon to get a job or earn a living, they become socially dysfunctional and end up depending on government and social welfare programs because, in the back of their minds, they think that to work a job is shameful, all because they're a minister. The Early Church would have refused them the rights of fellowship if they had lived in that time. Work is not a bad word.

Even when you are accused of being proud and uncaring about others needs, you have a responsibility to seek the Lord who to give to, when to give, how much to give and when not to give.

EXCESSIVE TALKING OR BEING TOO EAGER TO SHARE WITH PEOPLE WHO CAN'T RELATE AND WHO ARE OFTEN RELIGIOUS

Have you ever tried to share about something wonderful that happened to you in your work, life or ministry with people you wanted to include in your life and they judged you for being boastful, arrogant, insecure and superior? Painful isn't it? Regrettably the more you share the more they will think that you're being a showoff. Please listen to me. They may be good people but if they do not have the same experience, vocation, cultural background or knowledge they will generally react in a manner you might not expect. You can prevent these mistaken judgments by discerning who you are sharing with, if they can relate to you and how they might potentially react once you begin talking. Sometimes we so desperately want to include people in our lives and share what God is doing through us that we talk excessively, being too eager, without considering the consequences. Their reaction may be rooted out of a variety of human nature such as jealousy, feeling intimidated or threatened, made to feel inferior and most often not being able to connect with what you are saying. You must be wise in who you share with and how much.

Joseph experienced this very thing and suffered at the hands of his jealous intimidated brothers. He eagerly, without discernment told them about several prophetic dreams that insinuated that Joseph would become their superior and they would bow down before him. Enraged at his statements the brothers eventually plotted to destroy him. Had he not been so eager to tell the revelations God had given him, whether it was arrogant or not, the prideful accusations might have been avoided.

Sometimes people are accused of being proud because they reveal true spirituality in the presence of religious snobbery. Such was the case of the healed blind man and the Pharisees.

Having been doubly interrogated, the healed man told the religious leaders how Jesus healed him. Infuriated by his simple faith, and jealous of Jesus' power the Pharisees branded the man as incapable of teaching them. Therefore those possessing religious pride often victimize the one they accuse of pride.

MISINTERPRETED SEPERATION

On occasion the Lord will create or call for a season in which an individual believer will be separated from others or stand apart from those normally fellowshipped with. Inevitably, outsiders, or people who do not understand this way of the Lord will judge the isolated soul as being prideful. In most cases nothing can be done to cancel this judgment, but those who are in that lonely place must guard their hearts from bitterness and self-pity.

MANY MORE REASONS!

As one can see the accusation of pride can manifest for many reasons. People will accuse the successful of being proud. Leaders who attempt to stand up for truth, godly principle and ethics will be judged as arrogant by those who either don't understand the principles and ethics being honored or those who think they can do a better job leading. The list goes on and on.

FINALLY

I am convinced that many of you have identified with some of these circumstances and pain. Being unjustly accused of pride is generally impossible to confront for in doing so you will only reinforce the reasoning of your accusers. Rather than trying to

defend yourself, forgive those who point critical fingers your direction. Let it go. It's not worth allowing an accuser the privilege of breaking your heart, falsely defining your identity and destroying your faith and future. Moreover, if you have the slightest twinge of conviction, just repent and get it over with. We don't have time to waste messing with pride.

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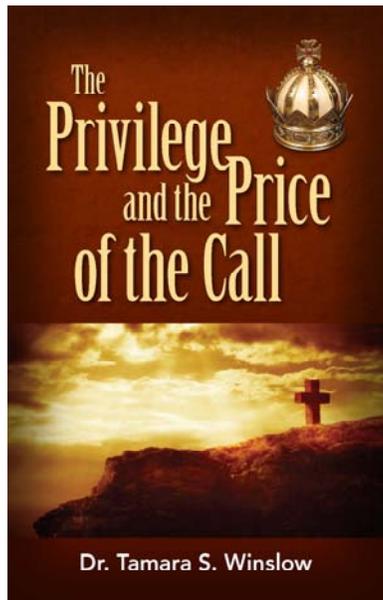
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December 15th- 7.p.m. Living In His Presence Church, Pastor Roberta Morrison
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Dr. Wijnslow is writing books and articles in her unscheduled days

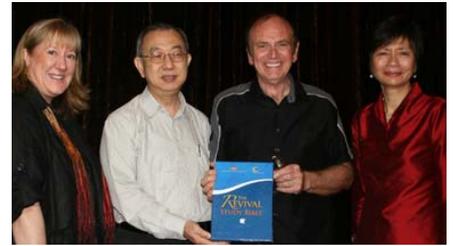
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“The Privilege and The Price of the Call” was not written intentionally. Although it deliberately emerged, it gradually took on a life of its own while Dr. Winslow was working absorbedly on a chapter for another book manuscript. Not realizing how deeply its message was buried in her heart, nor foreseeing its development in both length and intensity, she preached a portion of its message at an international women’s conference. After delivering it, the pastors and participants of the conference urged her to consider it as a separate book. Perhaps this message is a word in season, or a maybe it’s a much-needed exhortation from God’s heart to those who have ears to hear. Nonetheless, it challenges every aspect of the believer in a



The official release of the long awaited Revival Study Bible published by Armour Publishing occurred in Singapore during the week of September 2nd-9th where Dr. Tamara Winslow joined by Winkie Pratney spoke at the primary launch meetings, in Church of Our Savior pastored by Rev. Derek Hong. Dr Winslow, Winkie Pratney and Rev. Steve Hill are general editors of the over 10 years of combined labors. Rev. Hill was unable to be present for the meetings but sent a written greeting and comments read to the congregation and pastoral gatherings. Anyone who has seen this Bible and



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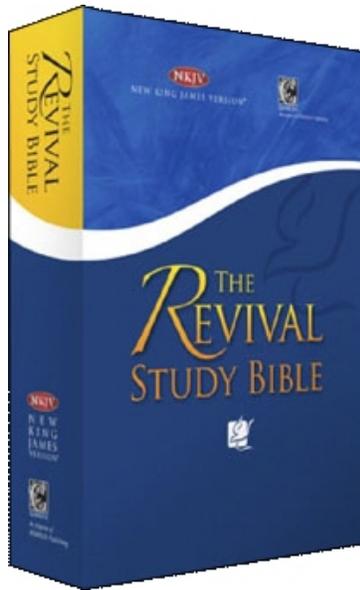


“Who am I that You would want to use me?” May God stir your heart in a similar manner.

Whatever your calling,

whatever your goal in life, be mindful that you’ve been privileged to pay whatever price He requires as He’s called you to walk with Him. Just released in southeast Asia, this new book can be ordered for \$10.95 plus postage from Dr. Winslow on the order form provided in this newsletter or on

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format. Dr. Winslow explained the Revival Study Bible Reference Study Chains she developed over the course of nearly 20 years that details the over 90 types of revival



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Winslow spoke in meetings in Hong Kong and Malaysia promoting the Revival Bible and her new book “The Privilege and the Price of the Call”, at a variety of churches, business leaders gatherings and special home fellowships. People were very eager to finally get this long awaited work into their hands. The Revival Study Bible can be ordered online at www.tamarawinslow.com for \$95.00 USD or on the order form in this newsletter.