

Arrogance

1. Definition

Arrogance begins with a negative mental attitude which stems from pride multiplying in the soul. When a person rejects the truths in the Word of God then substitutes world system thinking for his standards and behavior then he lives under the curse of arrogance.

2. Vocabulary

- A. HUPEREPHANOS- a combination of two words
 - 1. HUPER meaning above, beyond something.
 - 2. EPHANOS meaning from PHANEROO which means to appear
- B. This word indicates that a person has set themselves up as an authority over someone or something which they really have no authority over. It is due to rebellion on one's part based upon the sins of pride.

- 3. Arrogance is that quality of human pride which turns man's thoughts towards himself and away from God. (2 Timothy 3:2 "lovers of selves")
- 4. Arrogance is the reason children are disobedient to parents. When a child thinks they are too smart, too good, or too important to be under the authority of parents or under their teachings then they enter into arrogance. (2 Timothy 3:2 "disobedient to parents")
- 5. Arrogance in the soul causes a person to become a lover or worshipper of money. (2 Timothy 3:2 "lovers of money", and "covetous")
- 6. Arrogance entices men to blaspheme God, to be unthankful, and promote evil. (2 Timothy 3:2)
- 7. Arrogance has other characteristics. (2 Timothy 3:3-4)
 - A. "Without natural affection" - kills love instincts and love development.
 - B. "Trucebreakers" - cannot keep their work, contracts, and promises.
 - C. "False accusers" - they attack genuine Bible teachers.
 - D. "Immoral"- they have no restraints upon their sex lusts.
 - E. Sneer at Divine good - they attack believers service for the Lord.
 - F. They are traitors to Christian friends. (2 Timothy 3:4)
 - G. Lose their tempers easily.
 - H. Full of pride.
 - I. "Lovers of pleasure" - Hedonistic
 - J. Appear godly but live inside systems of arrogance. (2 Timothy 3:5)
 - K. Go into homes and influence them with false doctrine. (2 Timothy 3:6)
 - L. They continually study the Bible, mixing it with the philosophies and religious traditions of man; therefore, they are never able to come to the full knowledge of the Truth. (2 Timothy 3:7)

8. Once arrogance is locked into the soul then the believe rejects all authority levels and sets up new authorities.
 - A. Many were trying to be teachers of the Word but only a few were qualified to be teachers. They were self appointed teachers. (James 3:1)
 - B. God opposes the arrogance of people who try to promote themselves in the name of God. (James 4:6)
 1. These types of men have an unteachable spirit.
 2. They set themselves up as interpreters of the Word of God but do not use the sound Hermeneutics to arrive at Truth.
 3. People who have ego arrogance or personality arrogance will not listen to the Word of God for they are easily offended and react to what is taught.
 4. They will hear doctrine taught from the pulpit but they decide to go ahead with what they want to do.
 5. They set up new standards and convince themselves that they are doing the will of God.

9. The first arrogant person was the woman in the garden.
 - A. Genesis 3:1-16 – Eve rejected God’s plan for her life
 - B. She rejected her husband’s authority.
 - C. She found the promises of Satan more appealing to what God has provided for her. She discovered that a Satanic glamour package did not bring inner happiness.
 - D. She discovered the sinful thrill of doing something that God said not to do. However, she also discovered the discipline that goes along with disobedience.
 - E. Satan offered her an alternative program to God’s plan for man and woman. Role reversal would destroy the purpose of God in the human race.
 - F. When the woman takes over the authority of the family the man loses interest in the family and becomes a passive spectator. Weak men will not and cannot fight and conquer their environment. He will not protect his wife.
 - G. God disciplined both Adam and Eve and set up the roles he wants them to have. (Genesis 3:16)

10. When arrogance influences the soul then the person becomes impressed with their ideas and programs rather than the Word of God. Satan’s Original Sin was wanting to do his own will and have his own way (Isaiah 14:12-14).
 - A. Hebrews 10:25 says to assemble and learn Bible doctrine as your first priority in life. This teaches us God’s will and how to avoid Satan’s Original Sin.
 - B. Arrogant people neglect the hearing of the Word in order to fulfill some personal ministry or perceived responsibility.
 - C. God has exalted His Word above His name so we are to esteem doctrine as the most important thing in time. (Psalms 138:2)

D. Spending time with the family, friends, relatives, or personal ministries are important however, not at the expense of your worship through Bible study in the local church under the teaching of the Pastor-Teacher. (Hebrews 13:7, 17)

11. When the believer is living inside the arrogance complex, inside the Power Sphere of Satan, there will be certain results manifested his life.
- A. Any Bible teaching he hears will not benefit him. (1 John 1:6)
 - B. There will be a loss of joy in the person's life. (1 John 1:4)
 - C. There is a loss of fellowship with God. (1 John 1:3, 6-7)
 - D. There is a loss of love given towards others, and there will be an increased desire for things of the world. (1 John 2:5, 15-17, 4:12)
 - E. There will be a loss of peace. (1 John 3:4-10)
 - F. There will be a loss of confidence in prayer. (1 John 3:19f)
 - G. There is a loss of confidence in the Rapture. (1 John 2:28)
 - H. There is no boldness in living the Christian life. (1 John 4:17)
12. Homosexuality and lesbianism are the results of Arrogance Gates: #11 (False Love) and #12 (Sexual arrogance).
- A. Romans 1:18-32 reveals the thought process a person takes before they become a homosexual or lesbian.
 - B. They reject God's existence and Christ as Savior. (Romans 1:19-21)
 - C. Their souls blackout due to scar tissue from accepting the worlds views on sexual behavior. They are promiscuous in thoughts or actions, while accepting the theories of Androgyny and sexual perversions.
 - 1. Androgyny says we have male and female hormones in each person, which is true.
 - 2. However to be a male and act feminine, or to be a female and act masculine is not God's design.
 - 3. No one is born homosexual, rather IT IS AN ACQUIRED SIN PATTERN THROUGH PRIDE, ARROGANCE, AND REBELLION against God's established plan for man and woman.
 - D. They believe they are wiser than God. (Romans 1:22)
 - E. They worship themselves, the philosophies, religions, and man created cults. (Romans 1:23)
 - F. The result is that God turned them over to divine discipline. He lets them be burned up by their own lusts, suffer diseases like AIDS (Acquired Immunity Deficiency Syndrome), and to die the din unto death. (Romans 1:24)
 - G. They continue to worship false gods and even the women become corrupt. They become idolaters and lesbians. (Romans 1:25)
 - H. The so called "GAY" society is one that has lived inside the system of arrogance, and moved into evil. (Romans 1:26-28)
 - I. Other characteristics of arrogance are listed. (Romans 1:29-31)
 - J. The arrogant person enjoys his evil actions and promotes it while rejecting the idea that there is a judgment of God both in time and in eternity.

13. Gates of Arrogance

- Gate 1: Spiritual Arrogance
- Gate 2: Creature Arrogance (Sociological Arrogance)
- Gate 3: Authority Arrogance
- Gate 4: Exaltation of Mankind Arrogance
- Gate 5: Personality Arrogance
- Gate 6: Rejection of Divine Discipline Arrogance
- Gate 7: Criminal Arrogance
- Gate 8: Emotional Revolt Arrogance
- Gate 9: Crusader Arrogance
- Gate 10: Political Arrogance
- Gate 11: False Love Arrogance
- Gate 12: Sexual Arrogance
- Gate 13: Chemical Arrogance
- Gate 14: Client Nation Arrogance
- Gate 15: Genetic Arrogance
- Gate 16: Anti-Semitism Arrogance
- Gate 17: Monetary Arrogance
- Gate 18: Ultimate Arrogance-Suicide

14. Arrogance is the first step to the destruction of a person's sensitivity to God.
(Proverbs 16:18)