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WHAT ARROGANCE WILL STEAL FROM YOU

Introduction:

At this point in my life I am prepared to acknowledge something that at one time would have been impossible — I was an *arrogant* young man!

Text: Mark 7:15, 20-23

“Nothing outside a man can make him ‘unclean’ by going into him. Rather, it is what comes out of a man that makes him ‘unclean.’”

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He went on: “What comes out of a man is what makes him ‘unclean.’”

**For from within, out of men's hearts,
come evil thoughts, sexual
immorality, theft, murder, adultery,
greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy,
slander, arrogance and folly.**

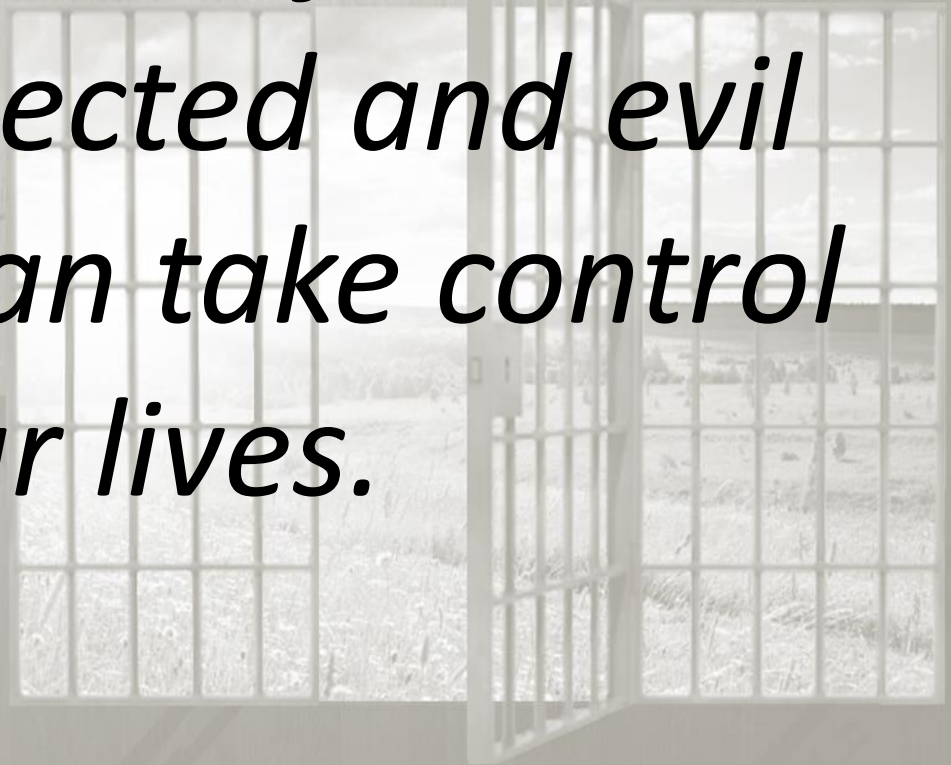
**All these evils come from inside and
make a man 'unclean.'"**

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*Arrogance is one of a cluster
of interconnected and evil
spirits that can take control
of our lives.*

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A spirit of arrogance makes us feel

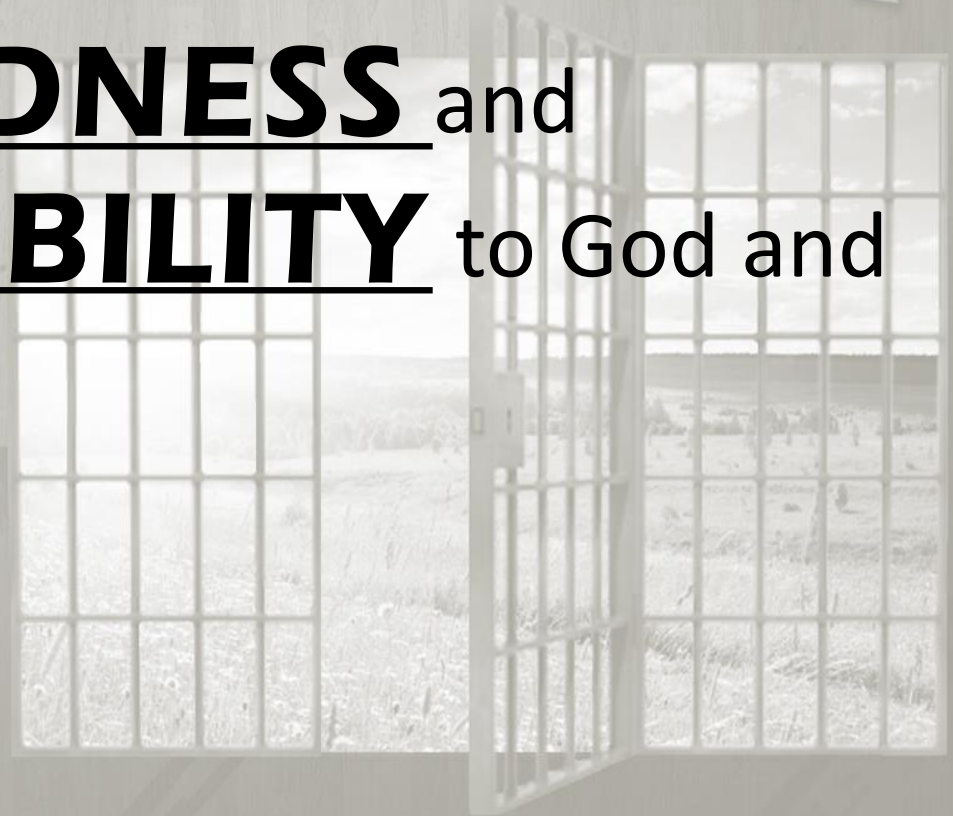
UNIQUE and **SPECIAL**, and

undermines our sense of

CONNECTEDNESS and

ACCOUNTABILITY to God and

other people.



The costs of an arrogant spirit include:

Frequently strained and broken

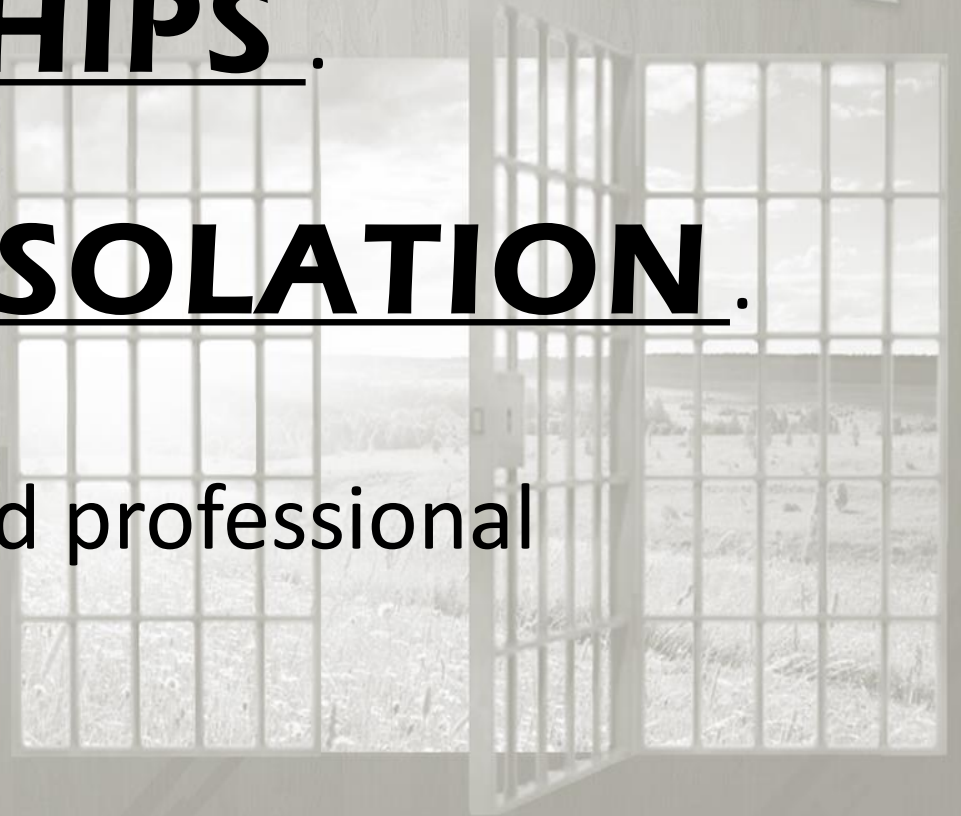
RELATIONSHIPS.

Social and spiritual **ISOLATION**.

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Episodic personal and professional

CRISIS.



The costs of an arrogant spirit include:

Chronic **UNDERACHIEVEMENT.**

(you can accomplish a great deal and still be underachieving).

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Stunted spiritual **GROWTH** and

FRUITFULNESS.

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*The ability of recognizing
arrogance within ourselves is
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very, very rare!*

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Ten certain signs of an arrogant spirit are:

A lack of **GRATITUDE** toward God and others.

A pronounced sense of personal **ENTITLEMENT.**

A lack of **COURTESY** and **CIVILITY** toward others.

Ten certain signs of an arrogant spirit are:

A persistent sense of being

UNDERAPPRECIATED by

others.

A lack of **INHIBITION** in expressing

harsh **CRITICISM**.

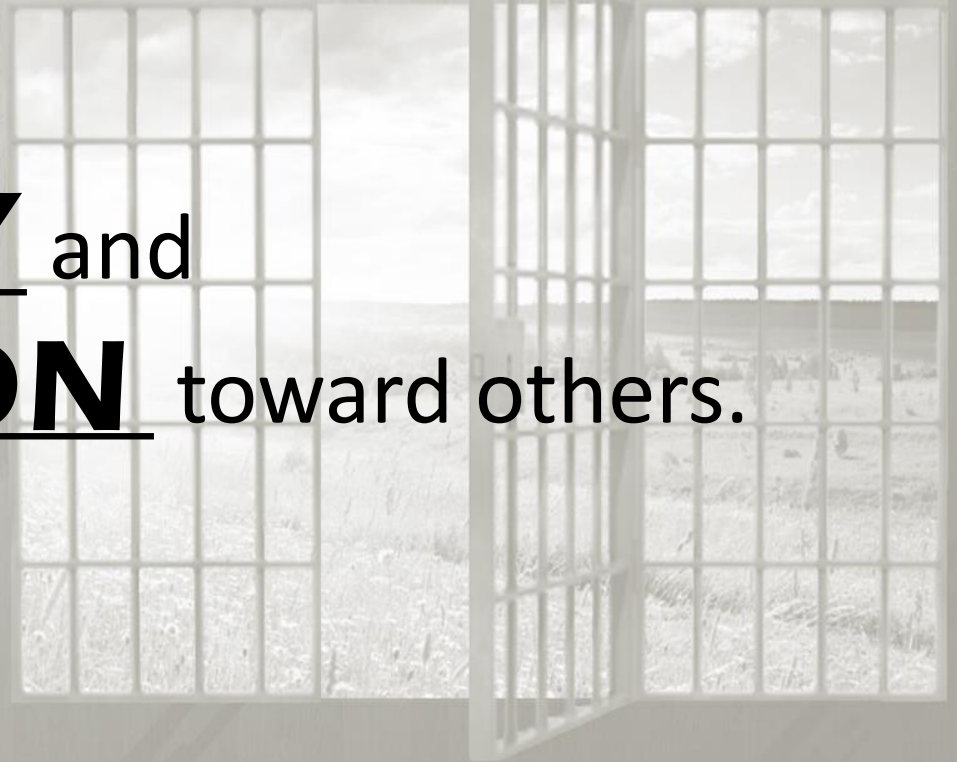
An inability to respond positively to

CRITICISM.

Ten certain signs of an arrogant spirit are:

Difficulty **FORGIVING** perceived **OFFENSES**.

A lack of **MERCY** and **COMPASSION** toward others.



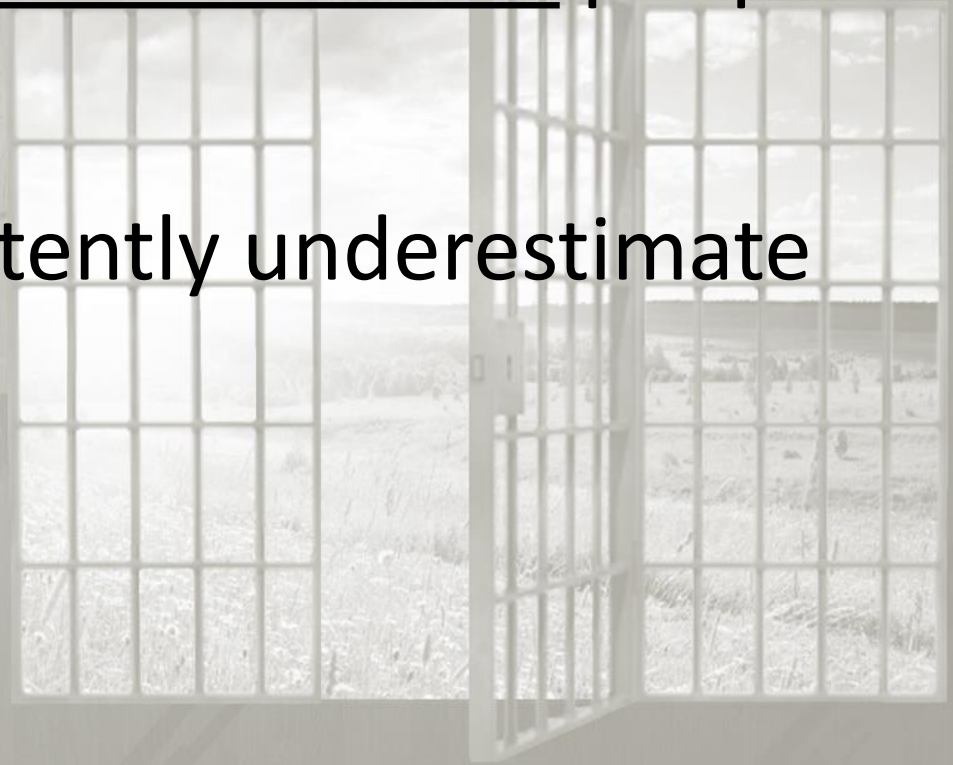
Ten certain signs of an arrogant spirit are:

Disregard for the feelings of less

ABLE and **POWERFUL** people.

A tendency to consistently underestimate

RISK.



IRONY: *You may have thought of someone else as we progressed through this list. Is it possible that someone else thought of you?*

The two most common roots of arrogance are:

Unearned and unaccountable

WEALTH and/or **POWER**.

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HUMILIATING early life

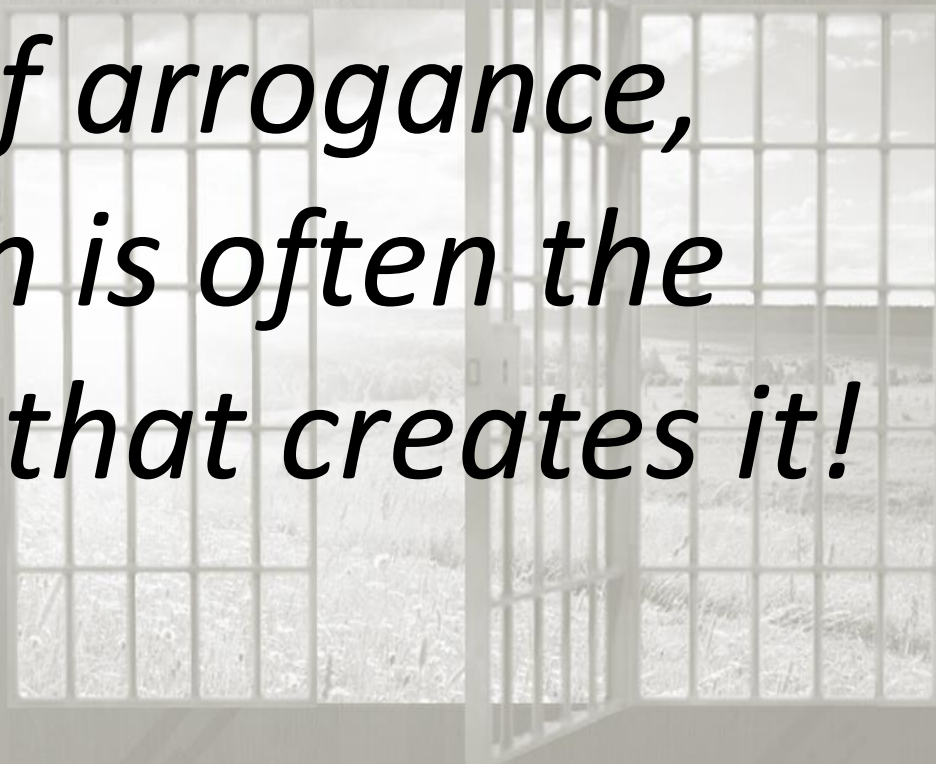
EXPERIENCES.



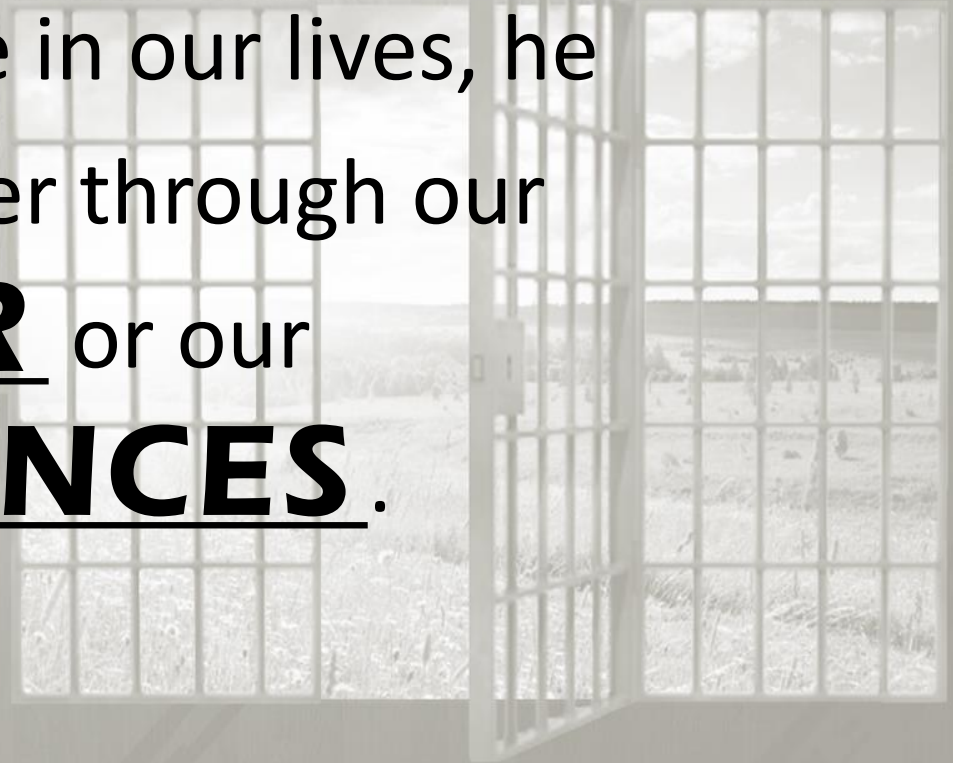
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*Rather than being the
opposite of arrogance,
low-esteem is often the
driving-force that creates it!*

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An arrogant spirit can be **HEALED** by God, but the **CURE** is often **PAINFUL**. When God wishes to bring needed change in our lives, he generally works either through our **CHARACTER** or our **CIRCUMSTANCES**.



Should you recognize and wish to crucify a spirit of arrogance within yourself:

CONFESS it.

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Renounce the **DELIBERATE** pursuit
of **POWER** and **STATUS**.



Should you recognize and wish to crucify a spirit of arrogance within yourself:

Choose to **APOLOGIZE** rather than to **RATIONALIZE**.

Give other people the right to speak the **TRUTH** in **LOVE** to you by renouncing **VINDICTIVENESS**.

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Conclusion:

The repentance of arrogance by even a handful of people can begin to transform a community!



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