

What Arrogance Will Steal From You

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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!

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

A spirit of arrogance makes us feel _____ and _____, and undermines our sense of _____ and _____ to God and other people.

The costs of an arrogant spirit include:

1. Frequently strained and broken _____.
2. Social and spiritual _____.
3. Episodic personal and professional _____.
4. Chronic _____ (you can accomplish a great deal and still be underachieving).
5. Stunted spiritual _____ and _____.

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

Ten certain signs of an arrogant spirit are:

1. A lack of _____ toward God and others.
2. A pronounced sense of personal _____.
3. A lack of _____ and _____ toward others.
4. A persistent sense of being _____ by others.
5. A lack of _____ in expressing harsh _____.

6. An inability to respond positively to _____.
 7. Difficulty _____ perceived _____.
 8. A lack of _____ and _____ toward others.
 9. Disregard for the feelings of less _____ and _____ people.
 10. A tendency to consistently underestimate _____.
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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:

1. Unearned and unaccountable _____ and/or _____.
 2. _____ early life _____.
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Rather than being the opposite of arrogance, low-esteem is often the driving-force that creates it!

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

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

1. _____ it.
 2. Renounce the _____ pursuit of _____ and _____.
 3. Choose to _____ rather than to _____.
 4. Give other people the right to speak the _____ in _____ to you by renouncing _____.
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Conclusion:

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