

Self

# Arrogance

Definition: “having or revealing an exaggerated sense of one’s own importance or abilities”

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- Pharaoh in Exodus 5:1-2 - “Afterward Moses and Aaron went in and told Pharaoh, ‘Thus says the LORD God of Israel: Let My people go, that they may hold a feast to Me in the wilderness.’ 2 And Pharaoh said, ‘Who is the LORD, that I should obey His voice to let Israel go? I do not know the LORD, nor will I let Israel go.’”
- Completely disregards Moses who was sent by the Lord and the Lord himself
- Ruler of the most powerful nation, thought no one was above him

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- What happened to him?
- Exodus 12:30-33 - “So Pharaoh rose in the night, he, all his servants, and all the Egyptians; and there was a great cry in Egypt, for there was not a house where there was not one dead. 31 Then he called for Moses and Aaron by night, and said, ‘Rise, go out from among my people, both you and the children of Israel. And go, serve the LORD as you have said. 32 Also take your flocks and your herds, as you have said, and be gone; and bless me also.’ 33 And the Egyptians urged the people, that they might send them out of the land in haste. For they said, ‘We shall all be dead.’”
- He and all of Egypt were brought to fear
- God broke the most powerful ruler of the most powerful nation

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- Nabal in 1 Samuel 25:9-11 - “So when David's young men came, they spoke to Nabal according to all these words in the name of David and waited. 10 Then Nabal answered David's servants, and said, ‘Who is David, and who is the son of Jesse? There are many servants nowadays who break away each one from his master. 11 Shall I then take my bread and my water and my meat that I have killed for my shearers, and give it to men when I do not know where they are from?’”
- Scoffs at David’s name and his men
- Turns them away even though they helped his own men before

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- What happened to him?
- 1 Samuel 25:37-38 - “So it was, in the morning, when the wine had gone from Nabal, and his wife had told him these things, that his heart died within him, and he became like a stone. 38 Then it happened, after about ten days, that the LORD struck Nabal, and he died.”
- He provoked the wrath of David but was spared because his wife interceded
- When he found out, he became like a stone and was struck by God

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- Nebuchadnezzar in Daniel 4:28-30 - “All this came upon King Nebuchadnezzar. 29 At the end of the twelve months he was walking about the royal palace of Babylon. 30 The king spoke, saying, ‘Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for a royal dwelling by my mighty power and for the honor of my majesty?’”
- He thought he was the source of his power

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- What happened to him?
- Daniel 4:31-33 - “While the word was still in the king's mouth, a voice fell from heaven: ‘King Nebuchadnezzar, to you it is spoken: the kingdom has departed from you! 32 And they shall drive you from men, and your dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field. They shall make you eat grass like oxen; and seven times shall pass over you, until you know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomever He chooses.’ 33 That very hour the word was fulfilled concerning Nebuchadnezzar; he was driven from men and ate grass like oxen; his body was wet with the dew of heaven till his hair had grown like eagles' feathers and his nails like birds' claws.”
- He was made like an animal
- God tore the kingdom and everything away from him during that time



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- Common theme: they all were punished for their arrogance in some part
- How does this apply to us? Proverbs 16:18-19 - “Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall. 19 Better to be of a humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud.”
- This concept applies to everyone and is where we got the saying “pride goes before a fall”
- We must be careful that we remain humble and don’t become arrogant

# Self-love

- Are we supposed to love and value ourselves even though we all sin?
- Mark 12:31 - “And the second, like it, is this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.”
- Jesus himself says this is the second commandment of all of them
- It implies we need to love ourselves, so why?

# Self-love

- Genesis 1:26-27 - “Then God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.’ 27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.”
- We were made in God’s image
- Divine beings made us in their image, which is reason enough

# Self-love

- 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 - “Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? 20 For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.”
- Our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, which means we should take care of it
- If we think of the value we have in God’s sight, we’ll glorify him and not ourselves
- Self-love needs to be within reason or it can lead to selfishness

# Selfishness

- Definition: “lacking consideration for others; concerned chiefly with one’s own personal profit or pleasure”

# Selfishness

- Parable of the Rich Fool in Luke 12:16-19 - “Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: ‘The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully. 17 And he thought within himself, saying, ‘What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?’ 18 So he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. 19 And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry.’”
- He kept everything for himself
- Thought he had everything done

# Selfishness

- What happened to him?
- Luke 12:20-21 - “But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?’ 21 ‘So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.’”
- Because of his attitude, God required his soul
- With his selfishness, his possessions went to waste

# Selfishness

- Ananias and Sapphira in Acts 5:1-4 - “But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession. 2 And he kept back part of the proceeds, his wife also being aware of it, and brought a certain part and laid it at the apostles' feet. 3 But Peter said, ‘Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself? 4 While it remained, was it not your own? And after it was sold, was it not in your own control? Why have you conceived this thing in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God.’”
- While it wasn't wrong to keep some of the money, it was wrong to lie about the amount

It was selfish of them to try and conceal the amount



# Selfishness

- What happened to them?
- Acts 5:5-11 - “Then Ananias, hearing these words, fell down and breathed his last. So great fear came upon all those who heard these things. 6 And the young men arose and wrapped him up, carried him out, and buried him. 7 Now it was about three hours later when his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. 8 And Peter answered her, ‘Tell me whether you sold the land for so much?’ She said, ‘Yes, for so much.’ 9 Then Peter said to her, ‘How is it that you have agreed together to test the Spirit of the Lord? Look, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out.’ 10 Then immediately she fell down at his feet and breathed her last. And the young men came in and found her dead, and carrying her out, buried her by her husband. 11 So great fear came upon all the church and upon all who heard these things.”
- Because of their selfishness and deceit, both were killed
- Their deaths were made an example and it scared everyone

# Selfishness

- Prodigal son in Luke 15:11-12 - “Then He said: ‘A certain man had two sons. 12 And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the portion of goods that falls to me.’ So he divided to them his livelihood.’”
- He asked for his inheritance before his father’s death

# Selfishness

- What happened to him?
- Luke 15:13-16 - “And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living. 14 But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want. 15 Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. 16 And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him anything.”
- He wasted his inheritance on foolish living
- He was forced to work with pigs, which were extremely unclean animals

# Selfishness

- How does this apply to us? Proverbs 11:24-26 - “There is one who scatters, yet increases more; And there is one who withholds more than is right, But it leads to poverty. 25 The generous soul will be made rich, And he who waters will also be watered himself. 26 The people will curse him who withholds grain, But blessing will be on the head of him who sells it.”
- Applies to all of us and shows we should be generous and willing to help
- Sometimes there’s a fine line between self-love and selfishness, we mustn’t confuse them

# Self-motivation

- Definition: “the internal drive that leads us to take action towards a goal”
- What are the main motivating factors we have? Fear, reward, and love

# Self-motivation

- What's our fear of?
- Revelation 20:12-15 - "And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. 13 The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. 14 Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. 15 And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire."
- We will all be judged and if we aren't in the Book of Life, we will be eternally punished

# Self-motivation

- What's the reward we can receive?
- Revelation 21:3-7, 22-27 - "And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, 'Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. 4 And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.' 5 Then He who sat on the throne said, 'Behold, I make all things new.' And He said to me, 'Write, for these words are true and faithful.' 6 And He said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. 7 He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son.' 22 But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. 23 The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light. 24 And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it. 25 Its gates shall not be shut at all by day (there shall be no night there). 26 And they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it. 27 But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life."
- We can be with God where everything will be perfect

# Self-motivation

- What's our love for?
- 1 John 5:1-5 - "Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves Him who begot also loves him who is begotten of Him. 2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments. 3 For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome. 4 For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world--our faith. 5 Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?"
- Our love is for God, his commandments, and anyone who is begotten by him



# Self-motivation

- Why does love need to be our main factor for self-motivation?
- Micah 6:8 - “He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does the LORD require of you But to do justly, To love mercy, And to walk humbly with your God?”
- He wants a family and for us to be with him