**The Error of Ego**

John 8:32, Jesus said, "You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

“Five Lies That Destroy Lives”

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Mark 10:35-45 Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Jesus. “Teacher,” they said, “we want you to do for us whatever we ask.”

“What do you want me to do for you?” he asked.

They replied, “Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory.”

When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. Jesus called them together and said, “You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

**1.) The LIE: "I will take FIRST PLACE when I place myself FIRST."**

Ego = the exaltation of self as more important than others.

Mark 10:42 “You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them."

Four Types of Pride

#1. Basic Pride: "I'm better than others; I have all the answers."

**P**ride = Contending for supremacy with God.

Proverbs 16:18 "Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall."

Pride causes you to **stumble**.

Four Types of Pride

#2. **A**rrogance = Thinking more highly of yourself than you should.

Arrogance causes **stupidity**.

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#3. **V**anity = Comparing yourself to others.

Philippians 2:3-5 “Do nothing out of vain conceit... Your attitude should be the same as that of Jesus Christ.”

Four Types of Pride

#4. **E**go = ME first!

Proverbs 13:10 "Pride leads to conflict."

Ego causes **strife**.

When you are proud, you **P.A.V.E.**the road to destruction.

**2.) The TRUTH: Pride DESTROYS lives, but HUMILITY brings success.**

Mark 10:43-44 "Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all."

GOD HATES PRIDE!

Proverbs 16:5 "The Lord detests the proud; they will surely be punished."

James 4:6 "God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble."

Isaiah 66:2 "These are the ones I look on with favor: those who are humble and contrite in spirit, and who tremble at my word."

Proverbs 22:4 "True humility and fear of the Lord lead to riches, honor, and long life.”

**3.) The SOLUTION: I will DIE TO SELF and LIVE FOR CHRIST!**

Mark 10:45 "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

John 3:30 John the Baptist said: "He must increase, but I must decrease"

Luke 17:33 "If you cling to your life, you will lose it, and if you let your life go, you will save it."

Matthew 16:24**"**Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me."

Matthew 10:24 "The disciple is not above his master, nor the servant above his lord."

2 Timothy 2:11-12 "This is a trustworthy saying: If we die with him, we will also live with him. If we endure hardship, we will reign with him. If we deny him, he will deny us."

Psalm 75:4-7 "To the arrogant I say, ‘Boast no more,’ and to the wicked, ‘Do not lift up your horns. Do not lift your horns against heaven; do not speak so defiantly.’ No one from the east or the west or from the desert can exalt themselves. It is God who judges: He brings one down, he exalts another."