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Scriptural reading: [1 Kings 22](#)

Scriptural references: [2 Timothy 2:16 + 2:23](#) | [1 Timothy 6:20](#) | [Galatians 5:15](#) | [1 Peter 5:6](#) |

Reading through 1 Kings Chapter 22, God reveals to us a perfect example of the epitome of pride in action that is found at the heart of all of mankind – no exemptions – the very issue we are cautioned of in [Proverbs 16:18](#) that teaches *“Pride goes before destruction, and haughtiness before a fall.”*

Not just once does God reveal this, but throughout the entirety of His living word from Genesis – Revelation; the pride of Judah, the pride of Jerusalem, the pride of the Hebrew people, the pride of mankind, the unavoidable pride of you and I – and **in that pride, we live with worry, fear, and doubt** – riding the roller coaster of life attempting to fill all the voids with what we think we need, rather than what God knows best for us, such as – God #1, family #2, career #3.

So, the question must be asked of ourselves, “What shall I change today Lord to make me more like you?”

Does Paul not teach us in [2 Corinthians 11:30](#) “If I must boast, I WOULD RATHER boast about the things that show how weak I am”

Or in [Galatians 6:14](#) “As for me, may I never boast about anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

And [1 Corinthians 4:7](#) “What do you have that God hasn’t given you?”

Who am I – Who are we, to boast, then?

THIS LESSON IS NOT A SCOLDING, but **rather an encouragement!** When we fall in love with our LIVING GOD & SAVIOR, drawing closer to him, He in turn draws

closer to us ([James 4:8](#)), and that is where the blessings and favor begin to jump all over us, like white on rice.

This lesson title came about after reading an article, much too common that stirs up dissension between brothers and sisters in Christ. Why? Pride!

It is one thing when God's word is used in accordance to [2 Timothy 3:16](#) (*All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right*), to call fellow brothers or sisters to account. But we 'CHRISTIANS' must stop flaunting our ignorance of God's word when we are the cause of silly arguments and debates, no matter the topic, as a direct result of not knowing 'ALL' of God's living word before jumping all over someone.

We become like the battle of Calvin (Calvinism) vs. Wesley (Wesleyan) ... one of the pinnacles that drove home the pride of denominational perspective that has all but destroyed the awesomeness of what Christianity, the Christian faith stands for in the first place – becoming our own masters of pride, literally back biting and destroying each other as the world of pagans watch on and gloat ([Galatians 5:15](#)).

Any platform available to us, including those stealing free-speech and supporting 2020/21 PlanDemic, and even the likes of BITCHUTE or Gettr, will verify this sad state of affairs. Or [read the book Marxianity](#), and see the evidence of how Neo-Calvinists are literally siding with the Muslim Brotherhood – another story for another time – but all part of Christian 'pride' preceding their downfall.

[2 Timothy 2:16](#) says: "Avoid worthless, foolish talk that only leads to more godless behavior."

[2 Timothy 2:23](#) says: "Again I say, don't get involved in foolish, ignorant arguments that only start fights."

[1 Timothy 6:20](#) says: “Timothy, guard what God has entrusted to you. Avoid godless, foolish discussions with those who oppose you with their so-called knowledge.”

[Galatians 5:15](#) says: “But if you are always biting and devouring one another, watch out! Beware of destroying one another.”

Yours truly agrees to disagree – loves all and judges none. Have I? I’d be lying if I said I didn’t. We learn by doing and growing from our mistakes. Thus, the very reason for daily self-discovery with the person looking back at us in the mirror.

In closing, if we will just fall in love with what we really and truly have at our beckoning call, THE GOSPEL OF GRACE, where such unmerited favor is granted on faith alone – our living God & Savior, who never has and never will fail us on His promises, will more than fulfill the following promise shared by Peter that says:

[1 Peter 5:6](#): *“So humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and at the right time he will lift you up in honor.”*