

# JESUS CHRIST LIVING GOD



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# The Epitome of Pride



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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](#) |

When we read through 1 Kings Chapter 22, God reveals to us a perfect example of the epitome of pride found within all of mankind ... the very issue we are warned about in [Proverbs 16:18](#) that teaches us “Pride goes before destruction, and haughtiness before a fall.”

Not once does God reveal this, but throughout the entirety of His 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 **when we are proud we live in fear.**

So, the question must be asked of ourselves, for which yours truly has asked too many times to count, staring back at himself in the mirror, “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](#) reads – “What do you have that God hasn’t given you?” So, who are we to boast?

THIS LESSON IS NOT A SCOLDING, but rather an encouragement! Because 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 title came about after reading a post, much too common, found on social media ... especially facybook (having fun typo) 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 ... becoming our own masters of pride, literally back biting and destroying each other for the world to see ([Galatians 5:15](#)). Don't think so? Any platform available to us, including those stealing free-speech and supporting 2020/21 PlanDemic, will verify this sad state of affairs; or [read the book Marxianity](#), and see the evidence of how Neo-Calvinists have take sides with the Muslim Brotherhood – another story for another time – but all part of 'pride' that precedes every man's 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 loves all and judges none! Have I? I'd be lying if I said I didn't. Thus, the very reason for daily self-discovery with the person looking back at me (you) in the mirror.

In closing, if we will fall in love with what we really and truly have at our beckoning call (THE GOSPEL OF GRACE), under grace, where such unmerited favor is simply not found anywhere else throughout the entire universe ... our living God & Savior, who never fails on His promises, will fulfill the following promise, and so much more.

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