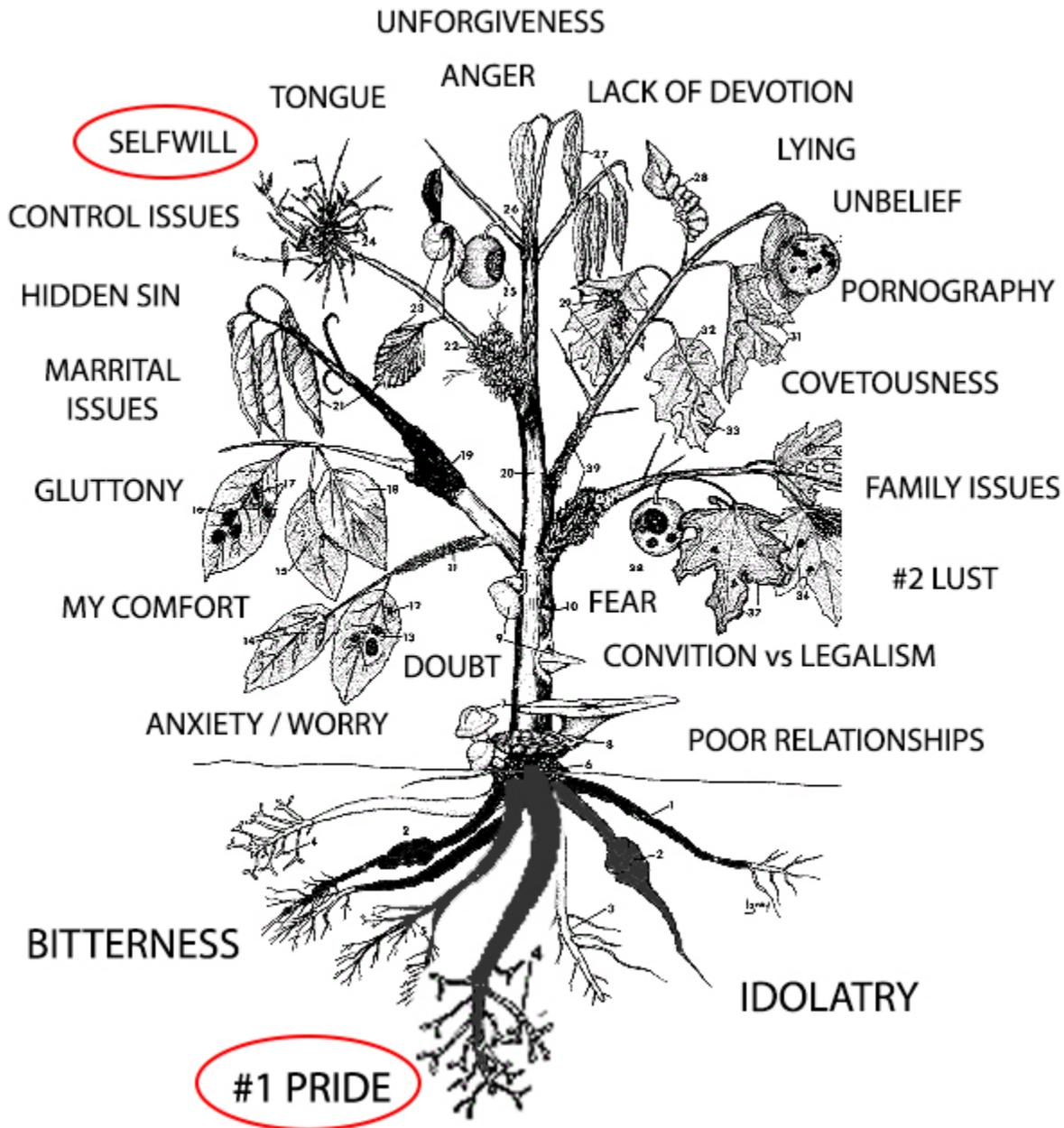


# Not Uncommon to Man- Self-will

Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. John 17:17

To continue our study, we are going to start out by addressing PRIDE which was the #1 issue that was repeated as a problem for men in our poll. PRIDE is a root of the outward fleshly manifestations as referenced in the dying tree or weed as seen here and this week we'll address the manifestation of self-will.



To address the root and what springs up from it, we have come up with 5 questions to run it through as stated here.

1. What does God say about it?
  - a. Diving into the scripture

2. What does the world say?
  - a. The culture, the flesh, the schemes of the enemy
3. How is my character affected?
  - a. Compromised, shame, self-loathing, mistrust
4. How is this affecting those closest to me?
  - a. God, The Church, wives, parents, siblings, children, co-workers
5. Do I need to change my mindset about it?
  - a. Repentance, kingdom minded, calling, goal, mission, vision

Last week we discussed "The Plan" Do we know our calling and if so does this root Pride and manifestation of Self-will take us off that end goal/vision/mission/calling? To find out let's start with #1



Go on your knees before God. Bring all your idols; bring self-will, and pride, and every evil lust before Him, and give them up. Devote yourself, heart and soul, to His will; and see if you do not know of the doctrine.

(Henry Ward Beecher)

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1. What does God say about it?

Isaiah 30:14-16

<sup>14</sup>Whose collapse is like the smashing of a potter's jar, So ruthlessly shattered That a sherd will not be found among its pieces To take fire from a hearth Or to scoop water from a cistern." <sup>15</sup>For thus the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel, has said, "In repentance and rest you will be saved, In quietness and trust is your strength." But you were not willing, <sup>16</sup>And you said, "No, for we will flee on horses," Therefore you shall flee! "And we will ride on swift horses," Therefore those who pursue you shall be swift.

2 Peter 2:9-11

<sup>9</sup>then the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment, <sup>10</sup>and especially those who walk according to the flesh in the lust of uncleanness and despise authority. *They*

*are* presumptuous, self-willed. They are not afraid to speak evil of dignitaries, <sup>11</sup>whereas angels, who are greater in power and might, do not bring a reviling accusation against them before the Lord.

### Psalm 75:3-7

<sup>3</sup>The earth and all its inhabitants are dissolved; I set up its pillars firmly. *Selah* <sup>4</sup>"I said to the boastful, 'Do not deal boastfully,' And to the wicked, 'Do not lift up the horn. <sup>5</sup>Do not lift up your horn on high; Do *not* speak with a stiff neck.'" <sup>6</sup>For exaltation *comes* neither from the east Nor from the west nor from the south. <sup>7</sup>But God *is* the Judge: He puts down one, And exalts another.

### Nehemiah 9:15-17

<sup>15</sup>You gave them bread from heaven for their hunger, And brought them water out of the rock for their thirst, And told them to go in to possess the land Which You had sworn to give them. <sup>16</sup>"But they and our fathers acted proudly, Hardened their necks, And did not heed Your commandments. <sup>17</sup>They refused to obey, And they were not mindful of Your wonders That You did among them. But they hardened their necks, And in their rebellion They appointed a leader To return to their bondage. But You *are* God, Ready to pardon, Gracious and merciful, Slow to anger, Abundant in kindness, And did not forsake them.

### Jeremiah 7:23-26

<sup>23</sup>But this is what I commanded them, saying, 'Obey My voice, and I will be your God, and you shall be My people. And walk in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well with you.' <sup>24</sup>Yet they did not obey or incline their ear, but followed the counsels *and* the dictates of their evil hearts, and went backward and not forward. <sup>25</sup>Since the day that your fathers came out of the land of Egypt until this day, I have even sent to you all My servants the prophets, daily rising up early and sending *them*. <sup>26</sup>Yet they did not obey Me or incline their ear, but stiffened their neck. They did worse than their fathers.

### Titus 1:5-9

<sup>5</sup>For this reason I left you in Crete, that you should set in order the things that are lacking, and appoint elders in every city as I commanded you— <sup>6</sup>if a man is blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of dissipation or insubordination. <sup>7</sup>For a bishop must be blameless, as a steward of God, not self-willed, not quick-tempered, not given to wine, not violent, not greedy for money, <sup>8</sup>but hospitable, a lover of what is good, sober-minded, just, holy, self-controlled, <sup>9</sup>holding fast the faithful word as he has been taught, that he may be able, by sound doctrine, both to exhort and convict those who contradict.

## Hebrews 3:7-12

<sup>7</sup>Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says: "Today, if you will hear His voice, <sup>8</sup>Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, In the day of trial in the wilderness, <sup>9</sup>Where your fathers tested Me, tried Me, And saw My works forty years. <sup>10</sup>Therefore I was angry with that generation, And said, 'They always go astray in *their* heart, And they have not known My ways.' <sup>11</sup>So I swore in My wrath, 'They shall not enter My rest.'" <sup>12</sup>Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God;

## Proverbs 29:1

He who is often rebuked, *and* hardens *his* neck, Will suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy.

## Psalms 32:8-10

<sup>8</sup>I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye. <sup>9</sup>Do not be like the horse *or* like the mule, *Which* have no understanding, *Which* must be harnessed with bit and bridle, Else they will not come near you. <sup>10</sup>Many sorrows *shall* be to the wicked; But he who trusts in the LORD, mercy shall surround him.

## #2 What does the world say?

"My main goal is to be a self-made man and have control over what's mine." Kevin Hart

"I'm self-made. I always wanted to make myself a better person, because I was not educated. But that was my dream - to have class." Tina Turner

"When did it become something of shame or ridicule to be a self-made man in America?" Glenn Beck

"The achievements of willpower are almost beyond computation. Scarcely anything seems impossible to the man who can will strongly enough and long enough." Orison Swett Marden

"Willpower is the key to success. Successful people strive no matter what they feel by applying their will to overcome apathy, doubt or fear." Dan Millman

"In the absence of willpower the most complete collection of virtues and talents is wholly worthless." Aleister Crowley

## #3 How is my character affected?

I sit on the throne of my life, Thief - Taking Gods Glory, Earthly minded, Selfish, Arrogant, Narcissistic, Overbearing

#4 How is this affecting those closest to me?

Quenching the Holy Spirit, Destroying your witness, Children – Most things are caught not taught., Diminishing your spouse and her role.

#5 Do I need to change my mindset about it? Am I guilty?

Get Real! Confess one to another, repent (180 degree turn) and pray for one another.

Brothers we believe that we live in such a time (and what a privilege it is) that we need to be awake, vigilante, sober and full of the Holy Spirit having our lamps full of oil and the extra oil ready to go. God has given us everything we need to walk after Him to love Him with all our heart mind soul and strength, to love one another, and serve His set apart ones. Let's go to the stream and be the ones that cup the water to our mouths to drink and not have our heads down in the water lapping like dogs. Let's be Mighty Men of Valor. (Judges 7)

1 Corinthians 10: 13

<sup>13</sup>No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.