

Pride Replaced by Purpose

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Responsibilities:

1. We reject the responsibility to be dependent upon God.
2. We reject the responsibility to live for His name.
3. We reject the responsibility to be loyal in our love for Him: *we forget Him.*
4. We reject the responsibility to find completeness in His exaltation: *we seek glory from men.*
5. We reject the responsibility to rejoice in the exaltation of others.
6. We reject the responsibility to be a blessing to others.

The responsibility to rejoice in the exaltation of others

Romans 12:15 *Rejoice with those who rejoice*

The responsibility to be a blessing to others

Psalm 31:18 *Let the lying lips be mute, which speak arrogantly against the righteous with pride and contempt.*

Psalm 119:51 (also verses 69, 85, 122) *The arrogant utterly deride me, Yet I do not turn aside from Your law.*

Psalm 10:2 *In pride the wicked hotly pursue the afflicted (NIV: hunt down the weak)*

Psalm 140:5 *The proud have hidden a trap for me, and cords; They have spread a net by the wayside; They have set snares for me.*

Isaiah 13:11 *I will also put an end to the arrogance of the proud and abase the haughtiness of the ruthless.*

Proverbs 28:25 *An arrogant man stirs up strife*

Proverbs 13:10 *Through insolence comes nothing but strife (KJV Only by pride cometh contention)*

Ezekiel 16:49 *Behold, this was the guilt of your sister Sodom: she and her daughters had arrogance, abundant food and careless ease, but she did not help the poor and needy.*

Psalm 17:10 *They have closed their unfeeling heart, with their mouth they speak proudly.*

1 Corinthians 13:4 *love does not brag and is not arrogant,*

Philippians 2:3 *with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves.*

Genesis 12:2 *I will bless you ... you shall be a blessing.*

Zechariah 8:13 [God is promising the future peace and prosperity of Israel] *It will come about that just as you were a curse among the nations, O house of Judah and house of Israel, so I will save you that you may become a blessing.*

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Acts 20:35 *It is more blessed to give than to receive.*

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