

Overcoming Arrogance
a lack of
Lessons in ^ Self-Control Pt 3
Judges 14:10-20
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Isaiah 13:11 "I, the Lord, will punish the world for its evil and the wicked for their sin. I will crush the arrogance of the proud and the haughtiness of the mighty.

Judges 14:18"If you hadn't plowed with my heifer, you wouldn't have found the answer to my riddle!"

Arrogance - Being ...marked by or arising from a feeling or assumption of one's superiority toward others

Evidences of Arrogance

Looking around for others to try to impress

Judges 14:11 Thirty young men from the town were invited to be his companions.

Making rash statements & judgments.

Judges 14:12 ..."Let me tell you a riddle. If you solve my riddleI will give you...

Jumping into a situation without preparation.

Judges 14:12-13 If you solve my riddle... I will give you thirty plain linen robes and thirty fancy robes. if you can't solve it, then you must give me thirty linen robes and thirty fancy robes.....

Consequences of Arrogance

1) Resentment of other people

Judges 14:15 ... "Get the answer to the riddle from your husband, or we will burn down your father's house with you in it."

2) Compromise of those closest to us.

Judges 14:16 "You don't love me; you hate me! You have given my people a riddle, but you haven't told me the answer."... "I haven't even given the answer to my father or mother,..."

3) Diminishing energy to maintain a façade.

Judges 14:17 ...she cried whenever she was with him on the seventh day, he told her the answer because of her persistent nagging.....

4) Overreaction to exposure

Judges 14:19 Then the Spirit of the Lord powerfully took control of him. He went down to the town of Ashkelon, killed thirty men, took their belongings, and gave their clothing to the men who had answered his riddle...

Remedy for Arrogance: Authenticity

1) Character - Respect & trust grounded in a relationship with Jesus.

Ephes. 4:22 take on an entirely new way of life—a God-fashioned life, a life renewed from the inside and working itself into your conduct as God accurately reproduces his character in you.

2) Consistency - Being the same person in every aspect of life.

James 3:17 But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure. It is also peace loving, gentle at all times, and willing to yield to others. It is full of mercy and good deeds. It shows no partiality and is always sincere.

3) Dependability - Are you a “go to” person for others?

Philip. 2:2 make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one heart and purpose.