



*A Man Unleashed, Unhindered, & Unashamed*  
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## REAL MOMENTUM

**Proverbs 24:16**, For a righteous *man* may fall seven times and rise again,

Most of us understand what it means to be gripped by a pattern of destructive behaviors. We're either stuck in one now and we hate it, or we remember vividly what it was like and we can't believe how long it took to let go.

### 1. **Unleashed – every man needs a break through**

*For a righteous man...*

Chained, restrained, tied down or tied to

### **Psalm 75:6-7,**

<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.

### **Junior Hill, Longtime Southern Baptist Evangelist, on promotion...**

- Men are never promoted because they deserve it—but because God **desires** it.
- While promotion does always imply an act of God's hand, it does not necessarily imply an act of God's honor. We would do well to remember that in the economy of Heaven ***exaltation is never synonymous with commendation.***
- Sometimes God puts a man at the top of the totem pole just to teach him who **made** the pole!
- As strange and unusual as it may seem, the ever wise and omniscient God of Heaven has a mysterious and peculiar way of lifting a man up so that in due time He may bring him **down**.
- When God promotes a person it is not always a promotion of **honor!**

*...All of us have watched with deep sorrow as greatly gifted men and women have risen to what appeared to be places of high honor, only to later learn that their lofty positions served to reveal their unbridled selfishness and pride.*

*...That's why when men of God had best learn to be satisfied with who they are and where they are—to faithfully take their place and let God do the promoting... we can rejoice in knowing it has been freely given by Him and **never seized by self-will or self-promotion.***

**Jonathan Edwards declared**, Pride is the main door by which the devil comes into the hearts of those who are zealous for the advancement of religion. It is the chief inlet of smoke from the bottomless pit.

**John Phillips**, Pride is extremely destructive... Pride has wrecked more home, mobilized more armies, broken more friendships, and ruined more lives than any other force in the universe.

**Proverbs 11:2**, When pride comes, then comes shame; but with the humble is wisdom.

**Proverbs 29:23**, A man's pride will bring him low, but the humble in spirit will retain honor.

**James 4:6**, But He gives more grace. Therefore He says:  
"God resists the proud,  
But gives grace to the humble."

**Resists –**

1. God **opposes** the proud.
2. God is determined to be **against** the proud.
3. God **sets** Himself up against the proud.

1. **Pride is derived from a word meaning high. It suggests elevating ourselves, looking down on others, seeking to lord it over them.**
  - **Pride is a God defying sin.** It flouted the justice of God as did Cain. It confronts God and challenges Him to combat as did Pharaoh. Scriptures say that satan fell because of his pride. He lifted up his spirit and wanted to be God himself.
2. **Newman Hall**, Pride is the parent of numerous sins. High notions of what we deserve from God, or from men, produce impatience, discontent, envy, anger, strife, and all uncharitableness.

**Proverbs 16:5**, Every one that is proud in heart is an abomination to the Lord:

**Proverbs 16:18**, Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.

- **Destruction speaks of a total shattering of what a person has and is; it refers to a crashing down from a cliff or high place.**

**Proverbs 18:12**, Before destruction the heart of a man is haughty, and before honor is humility.

**3. Pride does not want to admit wrong, especially publicly.**

**4. Pride causes us to be self-righteous, self-congratulatory and self-sufficient.**

- **It blinds us to our true condition and our great need.**
- **It causes us to fear men rather than God.**

**Andrew Carnegie**, No man will make a great leader who wants to do it all himself or get all the credit for doing it.

**5. Pride causes us to compare ourselves to others and breeds a competitive, critical spirit.**

**6. Proud people don't want help because they don't "need" help.**

*My pride will strangle the life of Jesus right out of my family and church, killing and quenching any momentum given by God's Holy Spirit in my relationship with my wife, family and others.*

**Johnny Hunt**, The only thing worse than pride is being prideful and not knowing it.

**2. Unhindered – every man needs to be broken**

*For a righteous man may fall seven times...*

Constrained, restricted, obstructed

In other words, you can only go so far in your relationship with God, your wife and children, and those in the church and community.

1. God can use your brokenness, only if you give Him all the pieces.

2. Brokenness is an ally and friend.

**Matthew 5:3, blessed are the poor in spirit... Poor in spirit – poverty of spirit, of little value... I've got nothing to offer.** [those devoid of spiritual arrogance, those who regard themselves as insignificant]

3. There is always a gap between what you have and what God wants done.

**V4, blessed are those who mourn, the shall be comforted**

**Psalm 51:17, The sacrifices of God are a broken [crushed... to suffer] spirit, A broken and a contrite [severely broken, crushed] heart— These, O God, You will not despise.**

4. Brokenness puts you alone with God.

5. Bitterness is always, always, always more costly than brokenness.

**3. Unashamed – every man needs to break free**

*For a righteous man may fall seven times and rise again,*

Unashamed – bold, courageous, valiant, confident

And rise again... (get up, stand up, to come to fruition, to endure, to stay fixed)

*Men have a need to break free from the destructive behaviors that keep dragging them down.*

*They are baffled that they can't break free.*

*And it's embarrassing.*

*They desperately want to experience freedom from their bondage to sin. They do their best to manage these behaviors, but what they really want is for the damage to stop. But they feel weak and stuck.*

**Romans 1:16,**

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ,<sup>[a]</sup> for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

## **2 Timothy 1:8-12,**

Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner, but share with me in the sufferings for the gospel according to the power of God, <sup>9</sup> who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began, <sup>10</sup> but has now been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, <sup>11</sup> to which I was appointed a preacher, an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles. <sup>12</sup> For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed, **for I know** [and I am personally acquainted with Him] **whom I have believed** [with absolute trust and confidence in Him and in the truth of His deity] **and am persuaded** [beyond any doubt] that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him **until that Day** [when I stand before Him].

**REJECT** PASSIVITY

**IMPACT** OTHERS

**SUBMIT** TO AUTHORITY

**EXPECT** GREAT THINGS

**As a man, where do you need to RISE in your relationship with...**

God?

Family?

Church?

1 Corinthians 16:13-14

Be watchful

Stand firm in the faith

Act Like Men

Be strong

Let all that you do be done in love.