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# HOW I SHOWS UP

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## THE VISIBLE SYMPTOM

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1. Pride is a structural crack in the foundation of the \_\_\_\_\_.

*WE ARE ALL LIKE SPONGES. IF A SPONGE IS DIPPED IN DIRTY WATER, YOU MAY NOT IMMEDIATELY SEE THAT IT HAS ABSORBED SOMETHING UNCLEAN. BUT THE MOMENT YOU SQUEEZE IT, WHAT WAS INSIDE BECOMES OBVIOUS. THE PRESSURE FORCES THE DIRTY WATER OUT, REVEALING WHAT THE SPONGE HAD BEEN HOLDING ALL ALONG.*

2. Remember this: when you compete with yourself, you \_\_\_\_\_ truly win. Whether you improve or not, you remain on the losing end.

3. The ego was designed to be a \_\_\_\_\_ to the Spirit.

*IT WAS MEANT TO BE THE FRAME FOR THE PICTURE. BUT THE PROBLEM WE ARE DEALING WITH IS UNCONTROLLED EGO. IT IS WHEN THE I DECIDES IT IS NO LONGER THE FRAME, BUT THE ARTIST.*

## UZZIAH AND THE SUCCESS PROBLEM

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4. Uzziah was marvelously helped until he was \_\_\_\_\_.

2 CHRONICLES 26:16 NASB95

*16 BUT WHEN HE BECAME STRONG, HIS HEART WAS SO PROUD THAT HE ACTED CORRUPTLY, AND HE WAS UNFAITHFUL TO THE LORD HIS GOD, FOR HE ENTERED THE TEMPLE OF THE LORD TO BURN INCENSE ON THE ALTAR OF INCENSE.*

***He decided that because he was a general in the field, he had the right to be a priest in the temple.***

2 CHRONICLES 26:19 NASB95

*19 BUT UZZIAH, WITH A CENSER IN HIS HAND FOR BURNING INCENSE, WAS ENRAGED; AND WHILE HE WAS ENRAGED WITH THE PRIESTS, THE LEPROSY BROKE OUT ON HIS FOREHEAD BEFORE THE PRIESTS IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD, BESIDE THE ALTAR OF INCENSE.*

2 CHRONICLES 26:23 KJV 1900

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23 SO UZZIAH SLEPT WITH HIS FATHERS, AND THEY BURIED HIM WITH HIS FATHERS IN THE FIELD OF THE BURIAL WHICH BELONGED TO THE KINGS; FOR THEY SAID, HE IS A LEPER: AND JOTHAM HIS SON REIGNED IN HIS STEAD.

5. If we use our gifts to cross the boundaries God has set, we do not gain more power. We gain \_\_\_\_\_.

## NAAMAN AND HIS GREAT EXPECTATIONS

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6. Naaman represents the \_\_\_\_\_ pride of the important. This is the pride of those with titles, those whose means exceed that of others, and those who are admired for what they have achieved.
7. Naaman was willing to remain a leper as long as he could keep his *I thought*. He was offended that God did not respect his \_\_\_\_\_.

2 KINGS 5:12-13 NASB95

12 "ARE NOT ABANAH AND PHARPAR, THE RIVERS OF DAMASCUS, BETTER THAN ALL THE WATERS OF ISRAEL? COULD I NOT WASH IN THEM AND BE CLEAN?" SO HE TURNED AND WENT AWAY IN A RAGE. 13 THEN HIS SERVANTS CAME NEAR AND SPOKE TO HIM AND SAID, "MY FATHER, HAD THE PROPHET TOLD YOU TO DO SOME GREAT THING, WOULD YOU NOT HAVE DONE IT? HOW MUCH MORE THEN, WHEN HE SAYS TO YOU, 'WASH, AND BE CLEAN'?"

8. We do not deal with pride without becoming honest before \_\_\_\_\_. We can hide behind armor of many kinds, but healing does not begin until we are willing to stand before others and acknowledge our condition.

PRACTICALLY SPEAKING, CONFRONTING PRIDE REQUIRES US TO ADMIT WHEN WE ARE WRONG AND ASK OTHERS FOR FORGIVENESS. PRIDE IS OVERCOME WHEN WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE GOD AND MAN.

## NABAL AND THE PRIDE OF POSSESSION

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1 SAMUEL 25:11 NASB95

11 "SHALL I THEN TAKE MY BREAD AND MY WATER AND MY MEAT THAT I HAVE SLAUGHTERED FOR MY SHEARERS, AND GIVE IT TO MEN WHOSE ORIGIN I DO NOT KNOW?"

9. Nabal had forgotten that he was a \_\_\_\_\_. He had moved into ownership. He had a conclusion that everything he possessed was a result of his own competency.

1 SAMUEL 25:34-37 NASB95

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34 "NEVERTHELESS, AS THE LORD GOD OF ISRAEL LIVES, WHO HAS RESTRAINED ME FROM HARMING YOU, UNLESS YOU HAD COME QUICKLY TO MEET ME, SURELY THERE WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN LEFT TO NABAL UNTIL THE MORNING LIGHT AS MUCH AS ONE MALE"... 36 THEN ABIGAIL CAME TO NABAL, AND BEHOLD, HE WAS HOLDING A FEAST IN HIS HOUSE...37 BUT IN THE MORNING, WHEN THE WINE HAD GONE OUT OF NABAL, HIS WIFE TOLD HIM THESE THINGS, AND HIS HEART DIED WITHIN HIM SO THAT HE BECAME AS A STONE.

10. Nabal died ten days later because God smote him. He was a man who had massive warehouses but a no capacity to consider the \_\_\_\_\_ of anyone else. His soul was so crowded with his own possessions and his own importance that there was no "free space" left to recognize a move of God or the needs of a brother. He was a billionaire on the outside, but internally, he was impoverished.

11. If our \_\_\_\_\_ is prioritized above His plan, then we are living in the sickness of Nabal.

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### DIOTREPHES: THE SELF-PROCLAIMED "BIG I"

3 JOHN 9 NASB95

9 I WROTE SOMETHING TO THE CHURCH; BUT DIOTREPHES, WHO LOVES TO BE FIRST AMONG THEM, DOES NOT ACCEPT WHAT WE SAY.

12. If you find yourself constantly critiquing the leadership of others, you may want to do a heart check for the Diotrephes spirit. You do not want a word; you want a \_\_\_\_.

13. He was using the things of God to destroy the \_\_\_\_\_ of God. He turned the house of prayer into the empire of Diotrephes.

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### THE ELDER BROTHER AND THE PHARISEE ON THE PORCH

LUKE 15:29-30 NASB95

29 "BUT HE ANSWERED AND SAID TO HIS FATHER, 'LOOK! FOR SO MANY YEARS I HAVE BEEN SERVING YOU AND I HAVE NEVER NEGLECTED A COMMAND OF YOURS; AND YET YOU HAVE NEVER GIVEN ME A YOUNG GOAT, SO THAT I MIGHT CELEBRATE WITH MY FRIENDS; 30 BUT WHEN THIS SON OF YOURS CAME, WHO HAS DEVoured YOUR WEALTH WITH PROSTITUTES, YOU KILLED THE FATTENED CALF FOR HIM.'

14. He was not living as a son; he was living as an employee. Everything was \_\_\_\_\_, not relational. He believed his obedience earned him the right to be merciless. He did not want a party; he wanted payment.

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TO THE ELDER BROTHER, THE PRODIGAL WAS NOT A BROTHER WHO WAS LOST; HE WAS A SINNER WHO GOT A BETTER DEAL THAN I DID.

15. He was isolated by his own \_\_\_\_\_. He was so accurate that he could not dance. He was so spiritual that he could not \_\_\_\_\_.
16. Your ego was given to you by God. In the garden, Adam had an ego. He had a name. He had a job. He had a specific way of looking at the animals to name them. Ego is simply the self. It is the container of your unique identity. God does not want to kill your \_\_\_\_\_; He wants to kill your \_\_\_\_\_.
17. Pride is obsessed with \_\_\_\_\_. It is constantly measuring if you are more accurate than the person in the next pew, or more gifted than the preacher, or if your sacrifice is greater than theirs.
18. \_\_\_\_\_ is just the ego's way of pushing someone else down a rung so that we look higher by comparison.

### THE EGO'S CHECK ENGINE LIGHT

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19. How do you know if your ego is uncontrolled? It is simple: \_\_\_\_\_.
- If someone corrects you and you get wroth like Uzziah, that is your ego screaming because its throne was touched.
  - If someone ignores your status and you get in a rage like Naaman, that is your ego screaming because its armor was bypassed.
  - If someone else gets mercy and you get angry like the Elder Brother, that is your ego screaming because its merit ledger was ignored.

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### THE NO TEST AND THE SEVERAL HOUSE

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20. True humility is not shown in how we \_\_\_\_; it's shown in how we \_\_\_\_\_ when we are lead.
21. Pride always ends in \_\_\_\_\_. Uzziah ended in a separate house. Naaman almost turned his chariot away from the group. Nabal died alone with a stone heart. Diotrefes cast people out until he was the only one left. The Elder Brother stood alone in the dark while the party happened without him.

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### THE I THOUGHT FRICTION

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Every time you say “I thought”, you are feeling the friction of your I will against God’s thy will. I thought they would use me. I thought I would be further along. I thought God would do it this way.

22. That friction is meant to produce heat that burns off your ego. Do not run from the heat. Do not go away in a rage like Naaman. Stay in the friction until your I thought turns into He knows. The Jordan is not there to drown you; it is there to drown your \_\_\_\_\_. It is there to wash off the armor so the healer can get to the skin.

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### THE ANATOMY OF RELIGIOUS ENTITLEMENT

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23. \_\_\_\_\_ is the death of grace. The moment you think you deserve the party, you lose the ability to enjoy the party. You become a manager of the estate instead of a son at the table.

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### THE USURPATION OF THE THRONE

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24. Pride makes a jurisdictional \_\_\_\_\_. It decides it has the right to govern things it does not own.

- Uzziah jumped from the military jurisdiction to the priestly jurisdiction.
- Nabal jumped from the stewardship jurisdiction to the ownership jurisdiction.
- Diotrephes jumped from the local service jurisdiction to the apostolic jurisdiction.

25. If you find yourself offended by something that is \_\_\_\_\_ your responsibility, you are making a jurisdictional leap.

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### WHAT IS HAPPENING BEHIND IT ALL

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26. An uncontrolled ego builds a map of the world where it is the \_\_\_\_\_. In this map, I am always right, my way is the best way, and my contributions are the most valuable.

27. When God introduces a Jordan into your life, which is a situation that contradicts your map, your ego has two choices: \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.

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IF YOU CHOOSE TO RECALIBRATE, YOU ADMIT YOUR MAP IS WRONG. YOU ADMIT YOU ARE DUST. IF YOU CHOOSE TO RAGE, YOU TRY TO FORCE REALITY TO FIT YOUR MAP. YOU BECOME WROTH. YOU WALK AWAY IN A RAGE. YOU ARE DEFENDING A MAP THAT IS KEEPING YOU A LEPER.

### THE CYCLE

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27. To summarize what we have seen, here is the progression of how an \_\_\_\_\_ ego shows up in our lives.

- Success or Competency: You do something well and God helps you.
- The Conclusion of Strength: You stop feeling helped and start feeling strong.
- The Jurisdictional Leap: You decide that your success in one area gives you authority in all areas.
- The I Thought Expectation: You develop a script for how God and others should treat you.
- The Friction of Reality: God or a leader gives you a Jordan instead of a wave of the hand.
- The Rage of the Ego: You get wroth, angry, or prating. You start defending your I.
- The Isolation of the Several House: You withdraw from the we to protect your me.

### THE CURE

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27. The sickness of pride is cured only by the Jordan. Naaman did not just need a prayer; he needed a dip. He had to repeat the act of \_\_\_\_\_ seven times. This is the daily discipline.

28. Humility is not a destination; it is a \_\_\_\_\_.

IT IS THE DAILY CHOICE TO GET OUT OF THE CHARIOT OF YOUR SUCCESS AND GET INTO THE MUD OF DEPENDENCE. IT IS THE REFUSAL TO LET YOUR HEAD BECOME A CEILING. IT IS THE WILLINGNESS TO BE WRONG SO THAT GOD CAN BE RIGHT. YOU MUST BE WILLING TO LET THE LEPROSY OF YOUR "I" BE WASHED AWAY IN THE MUDDY WATER OF GOD'S CHOOSING.