

CORRECTING THE I

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THE SURVIVAL INSTINCT OF THE EGO

1. **Pride** is the over-inflation of that self-_____.
2. There is only one way to deal with an uncontrolled ego: it has to be _____. The I must be evicted from the throne so that God can take up the space.

THE JURISDICTIONAL SHIFT

JOHN 13:3-5 NASB95

3 JESUS, KNOWING THAT THE FATHER HAD GIVEN ALL THINGS INTO HIS HANDS, AND THAT HE HAD COME FORTH FROM GOD AND WAS GOING BACK TO GOD, 4 GOT UP FROM SUPPER, AND LAID ASIDE HIS GARMENTS; AND TAKING A TOWEL, HE GIRDED HIMSELF. 5 THEN HE Poured WATER INTO THE BASIN, AND BEGAN TO WASH THE DISCIPLES' FEET AND TO WIPE THEM WITH THE TOWEL WITH WHICH HE WAS GIRDED.

3. When the I is governed by the Spirit, service is not a _____ to your identity; it is the expression of your identity. Jesus proved that the highest use of a God-given ego is to lay it down for the benefit of someone else.

THE LAYING ASIDE OF THE GARMENTS

4. The first step in the correction of the I is the laying aside of the _____.
5. Authority in the Kingdom is not found in the robe you wear; it is found in the _____ you carry.

THE TOWEL AND THE GIRDLING: THE CONSTRAINT OF THE I

6. The correction of the I requires a daily _____. You have to take the truth of God and tie down your ego. You have to tell your I, you are not the center of this room. You are not the hero of this story. You are a servant.

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THE RESISTANCE

JOHN 13:6 NET 2ND ED.

6 THEN HE CAME TO SIMON PETER. PETER SAID TO HIM, "LORD, ARE YOU GOING TO WASH MY FEET?"

7. Pride of the _____ - The ego saying "I am too bad to be served, or I am too independent to need this." It is a refusal to let go of the control of your own image.
8. If you cannot _____ from the Basin, you cannot _____ from the Basin. If your I is too big to let someone else see your dirt, you will never have the capacity to help someone else with theirs. The I would rather stay dirty and in control than be clean and submissive.

CORRECTING IT

When you realize that your intelligence, your money, your talent, and your position are not your property but your assignment, your capacity to be used, expands. You stop being a closed system like Nabal and start being a conduit.

9. A shriveled spirit is a result of the I _____ resources. A large spirit is a result of the I _____ resources.
10. The correction of the I is the move from ownership to _____. It is the realization that the ego was never meant to be a warehouse; it was meant to be a distribution center.
11. The correction of the I happens when you can hear the word ___ and you do not allow yourself to become offended.
12. The I wants to expand until it covers _____ and controls _____. The Spirit wants you to focus until you are faithful in the specific thing God gave you. The corrected I finds its joy in being accurate in its assignment, not in being preeminent in the building.
13. Humility is not a _____; it is a repetitive act of obedience, even in the face of embarrassment.

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14. The corrected I does not want a payment; it wants a party. It does not want to be rewarded for being good; it wants to be included in the Father's _____. It realizes that the greatest reward is not what you get, but whose you are.
15. If you want to kill the Diotrechepes spirit in your life, you have to find someone to _____. You have to find someone to receive. You have to intentionally take the lower seat. You have to practice the art of making someone else look good.

DISPLACEMENT

16. _____ is a neurological override for the I. It forces the brain to move from self-preservation to other-preservation.

FAILURE CAUSED BY OFFENSE

17. The correction is to stop treating offense as a social problem and start treating it as a _____ symptom.
18. A corrected ego does not seek _____; it seeks to show honor. It does not look for apologies; it looks for opportunities to _____.

THE DAILY DIP

19. You cannot live on _____ humility.

You cannot rely on a brokenness you had ten years ago. The ego is like a weed; if you do not pull it every day, it will take over the garden. You have to go to the Basin every morning. You have to gird yourself with the towel every day. You have to ask yourself: Where am I ranking today? Whose feet am I avoiding? What I thought am I clinging to that is blocking God's move in my life?

We have looked at five men and five forms of the pride condition.

- Uzziah: The ego that is too strong to stay in its lane.
- Naaman: The ego that is too important to be foolish.
- Nabal: The ego that is too full of its own possessions to have bandwidth for God.
- Diotrechepes: The ego that is too preeminent to be a brother.
- The Elder Brother: The ego that is too right to be merciful.

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20. You cannot correct what you will not _____. The I will try to tell you that these stories are about someone else. It will try to point the finger at your neighbor. But the Basin is a place of personal transparency. It is where you look at your own forehead for leprosy. It is where you check your own heart for stone.

- A corrected Uzziah uses his strategic _____ to build the Kingdom, not his own name.
- A corrected Naaman uses his _____ to bring a whole nation to the God of Israel.
- A corrected Nabal uses his _____ to support the King's army.
- A corrected Diotrephes uses his _____ to protect and serve the body of Christ.
- A corrected Elder Brother uses his _____ to mentor the Prodigals who are coming home.

THE RESULT OF THE BASIN

In a Basin-centered church:

- There is no ranking because everyone is on the floor.
- There is no competition because everyone is a steward, not an owner.
- There is no offense because the dust-men cannot be insulted.
- There is no isolation because the brother is more important than the I.

21. The corrected ego allows for true _____. It allows us to move as one body because the individual parts are no longer fighting for preeminence.

THE CROSS

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22. The I wants to _____. The Him wants to _____. You cannot have both. You have to decide if you are willing to let the I be crucified so that the Christ can be manifested.