

October 12th – Something to Brag About

“Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, let not the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches; but let him who glories glory in this, that He understands and knows Me.” (Jeremiah 9:23-24).

Our moms always told us not to brag, but sometimes we just can't help ourselves. My goodness – sometimes we brag about nearly everything. We've been known to brag about the car we drive, the house we live in, the clothes we wear, the people we've met, the place we work, etc. Part of our fallen sinful nature includes a desire to draw attention to ourselves rather than placing the focus on Jesus where it rightfully belongs.

We can take solace in knowing that we're not the first ones to suffer with a pride problem. God had to remind His people that they shouldn't brag about the things they held in high esteem. For instance, while wisdom is a fine thing, we shouldn't gush just because we know more than someone else. Physical strength is commendable, but we shouldn't gloat just because we can outlift or outrun our friends. Nor should we promote ourselves just because we have earned or inherited lots of money.

If any of us wants to brag on something or someone, let's brag on the Almighty God who created us. We ought to make much, not of ourselves, but of the Lord who loved us enough to send Jesus to pay the price for our sins through His death, burial, and resurrection. We should spend our time rejoicing that that we can understand and know God because He has initiated a relationship with us. It's OK to brag – just make sure you're bragging on Jesus!