

- 2600 years ago. Neb. at the pinnacle of his power and fame. Dan now 45-50 yrs. old. He's is now telling the kingdom where he has been for 7 yrs.
- **An arrogant, wealthy man passed away one day**
- In his will, he entrusted \$50,000 in cash to each of his closest advisers: his accountant, his doctor, and his Pastor. In his will, he instructed that each of them was to put all of the money into an envelope and place it into his coffin at his funeral, so he could have his money even after death. On the day of the funeral, each of his advisers came with a large envelope and each, in turn, placed it in the wealthy man's open casket. At the end of the funeral, when the man was buried, each of the advisers walked away from the cemetery together.
The accountant said to the other two "I must confess, I didn't put all of the money in. I kept \$10,000 for myself and only put in \$40,000." The doctor responded "I should be honest too. I kept \$20,000 for myself and only put in \$30,000." The Pastor looked at the other two and said "I'm ashamed of both of you. Our friend instructed us to put in \$50,000 each into his casket, and I'll have you know I wrote him a check for the full amount!"
- **Daniel 4:1-18**
- **No one can get to Neb. Except God.**

- **If the Holy Spirit can't change them, don't think that you can.**
- **Daniel 4:19**
- Daniel does not want to deliver this news because he loves his enemies.
 - **He's close enough to the KING to tell the truth.**
- **He's not intimidated to speak truth any king because he has stood before the King of King's.**
- **V.21 Leaves- What brings life. Fruit- Future Generations**
- **V.28-33**
- **We all say stupid things. We all say prideful things.**
 - *Abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks...*
 - *But what we say in an abundance is what is in an abundance in our heart.*
- That's the key. We all still make mistakes. But if there's an abundance of prideful statements coming out of your mouth, then that needs to let you know there's an

abundance of pride in your heart and God's going to deal with it.

- **Pride opens the door to deception.**
- **Pride always brings regret.**
- **Pride causes spiritual blindness.**
- ✂ **God gave him and ENTIRE YEAR to repent!**
- **IMMEDIATELY!!!** Judgement did not come without warning.
- *Everyone who is arrogant in heart is an abomination to the Lord; be assured, he will not go unpunished.*
Proverbs 16:5
- *“God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” James 4:6*
- *Why would anyone want God to oppose them?*
- **The original sin of Satan is pride.**
- The number one area for opening up a door to Satan in your life is **pride**.

- **12 “How you are fallen from heaven, O Day Star, son of Dawn! How you are cut down to the ground, you who laid the nations low! 13 You said in your heart, ‘I will ascend to heaven; above the stars of God I will set my throne on high; I will sit on the mount of assembly in the far reaches of the north; 14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.’**

✂ **Not giving God the glory. (How he was created)**

- You allow pride a foothold, a stronghold in your life by not giving God the glory. Gifts, Talents, Opportunities
- **Lucifer tried to take glory because he wanted to be God.**
 - **Pride is based in a real desire to be God.**

✂ **Not rejecting the glory of men.**

- The original sin was pride - committed by Lucifer. He was a worship leader. Leaders are very susceptible to

pride, because we lead people into the presence of God.

- He took what belonged to God, and that's why he fell from heaven.

• **It's okay to honor someone. But there's only one person who gets glory.** *Worship*

• **The first requirement for pride is spiritual blindness.**

• *(Lose sight of who WE really are!) Entitlement!*

• Any glimpse of God reveals our frailty and sinfulness just as looking closely in a mirror reveals the flaws in our complexion.

• **15 But you are brought down to Sheol, to the far reaches of the pit. 16 Those who see you will stare at you and ponder over you: 'Is this the man who made the earth tremble, who shook kingdoms, Isaiah 14:12-16**

• **Don't let the I WILL'S rob you of the I CAN'T'S.**

- Pride robs me of the blessing of dependency

• **Anyone's life, in this room, can be changed with one call to the cell phone in your pocket.**

• **V.34- 7 YEARS LATER!**

• ***Are you struggling or stubborn?***

- *Robert Morris Story of his son...*

• **Life can humiliate you, but only you can humble you.**

• **EXPOSE ANY UNGRATEFULNESS:**

- _____ MATERIAL AND FINANCIAL
- _____ RELATIONAL
- _____ CIRCUMSTANTIAL

• *To cultivate an attitude of gratitude...*

• **DECIDE TO TURN BLESSINGS INTO PRAISE**

• **EVERY BLESSING I DON'T TURN INTO PRAISE TURNS INTO PRIDE.**

• **Don't miss the STUMP.**

- The STUMP of a second chance.

• God restored this prideful man.

- Just turn your eyes to heaven.
- **Rush- I didn't invite him because he could help me...**
- **3 When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,
4 what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of
man that you care for him? Psalm 8:3-4**

**God did not make you because He needs you. He
made you because He loves you!**

- If you're here/listening/watching then there's a
stump.
- **V.36-37**
- **Oral Roberts- Wealthy Peach Farmer**

- 16 And he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man produced plentifully, 17 and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' 18 And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. 19 And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry."' 20 But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' 21 So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God." Luke 12:16-21

- In her poem, entitled "Otherwise," the poet Jane Kenyon reflects on her blessings:

- *"I got out of bed on two strong legs. It might have been otherwise. I ate cereal, sweet milk, ripe, flawless peach. It might have been otherwise. I took the dog uphill to the birch wood. All morning I did the work I love. At noon I lay down with my mate. It might have been otherwise. We ate dinner together at a table with silver candlesticks. It might have been otherwise. I slept in a bed in a room with*

paintings on the walls and planned another day just like this day. But one day, I know, it will be otherwise."

- Kenyon wrote this poem in 1993, upon hearing her husband, Donald Hall's cancer diagnosis. Ironically, it was Kenyon, not Hall, who died a year later from a fierce and swift onslaught of leukemia. "Otherwise," came unexpectedly,
- Graceland – Elvis Presley's 27 room home (thank you very much) \$15,000,000 a year income cars, clothes, airplanes, records. 42 years of age – depressed and overdosed. Give \$1,000,000 for 1 day of peace!
- **Actively submit to authority...the good and the bad (1 Peter 2:18).** Our culture does not value submission; rather it promotes individualism. How purposely and actively do you work on submission to those whom God has placed as authorities in your life? Doing so is a good way to humble yourself.

- **Choose to serve others (*Philippians 1:1, 2* *Corinthians 4:5, Matthew 23:11*).** When we serve others, we are serving God's purposes in their lives. Doing so reduces our focus on ourselves and builds the Kingdom of God. When serving another costs us nothing, we should question whether it is really servanthood
- Philippians 2:5, "You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God", though he was equal with God, "as something to cling to. Instead, he gave up his divine privileges", he gave up his equality with God, "he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being.
- When he appeared a human form, he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on the cross". So, how do you humble yourself? The word "humble" has about four or five definitions in the Greek,

this is one of the definitions: "to rank yourself below others". To rank yourself below others. And Philippians 2, if you backed up a little bit, verse 3 says this, "Let each esteem others better than himself".

- **Humble- to rank yourself below others.**
- I don't esteem you equal. I esteem you better!
- **Be quick to forgive (*Matthew 18: 21-35*).** Forgiveness is possibly one of the greatest acts of humility we can do. To forgive is to acknowledge a wrong that has been done us and also to further release our right of repayment for the wrong. Forgiveness is denial of self. Forgiveness is not insisting on our way and our justice.
- **Cultivate a grateful heart (*1 Thessalonians 5:18*).** The more we develop an attitude of gratitude for the gift of salvation and life He has given us, the more true our perspective of self. A grateful heart is a humble heart.
- **Pride is defined as "an unduly high opinion of oneself."**

- If someone else's pride really bothers us, then we too have a lot of pride.
- **Pride and vanity refuse the truth about who we really are and substitute illusions for reality.**
- *“The fear of the Lord is to hate evil; pride and arrogance and the evil way and the perverted mouth I hate.” Proverbs 8:13*
- *“Do you see a man wise in his own eyes? There is more hope for a fool than for him.” Proverbs 26:12*
- **Solomon makes it clear that when we become lifted up in pride it impedes our ability to continue to improve.**
- *“The fear of the Lord is the instruction for wisdom, and before honor comes humility.” Proverbs 15:33*
- *“Pride goes before destruction and a haughty spirit before a fall.” Proverbs 16:18*
- *“Haughty eyes and a proud heart, the lamp of the wicked, is sin. Proverbs 21:4*
- *My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. Psalms 121:2*
- Don't believe your own press.
- The people who shout crown him today will shout crucify him tomorrow.
- **Purpose to speak well of others (Ephesians 4:31-32).** Saying negative things about others puts them “one down” and us “one up.” Speaking well of others edifies them and builds them up. Make sure, however, that what you say is not intended as flattery.
- We can pull hell up or heaven down.
- **3 definitions for pride:**
 - 1. Trusting in your own strength
 - 2. Trusting in your own righteousness
 - 3. Trusting in your own wisdom
- **Not speaking humbly.**