

LIFE IN THE WORD

SERIES:

GET IN STEP!

(WALK IN THE SPIRIT)

**LESSON EIGHT:
THE DOWNWARD SLOPE OF
CONCEIT**

**IF WE LIVE IN THE SPIRIT, LET
US ALSO WALK IN THE SPIRIT.**

GALATIANS 5:25

GALATIANS 5:25-26, IF WE LIVE IN THE SPIRIT, LET US ALSO WALK IN THE SPIRIT. LET US NOT BECOME CONCEITED, PROVOKING ONE ANOTHER, ENVYING ONE ANOTHER.

**LIFE IN THE SPIRIT OF GOD REQUIRES
SUBMISSION TO GOD AND HUMILITY. IT IS
ABOUT HIM AND NOT US.**

**CONCEIT IS EXCESSIVE
PRIDE IN ONESELF**

“YOU WERE DETERMINED TO CLIMB UP TO HEAVEN AND TO PLACE YOUR THRONE ABOVE THE HIGHEST STARS. YOU THOUGHT YOU WOULD SIT LIKE A KING ON THAT MOUNTAIN IN THE NORTH WHERE THE GODS ASSEMBLE. YOU SAID YOU WOULD CLIMB TO THE TOPS OF THE CLOUDS AND BE LIKE THE ALMIGHTY. BUT INSTEAD, YOU HAVE BEEN BROUGHT DOWN TO THE DEEPEST PART OF THE WORLD OF THE DEAD.”

ISAIAH 14:13-15

**THREE PRIDEFUL INDIVIDUALS IN
SCRIPTURE:**

1. KING NEBUCHADNEZZAR

2. KING UZZIAH

3. HAMAN

**THREE SCRIPTURE
REFERENCES
REGARDING CONCEIT:**

**NEVER LET YOURSELF THINK
THAT YOU ARE WISER THAN YOU
ARE; SIMPLY OBEY THE LORD AND
REFUSE TO DO WRONG.**

PROVERBS 3:7

**DO YOU SEE A MAN WHO IS WISE IN HIS
OWN EYES? THERE IS MORE HOPE FOR
A FOOL THAN FOR HIM.
PROVERBS 26:12**

**LIVE IN HARMONY WITH ONE ANOTHER. DO
NOT BE PROUD BUT BE WILLING TO
ASSOCIATE WITH PEOPLE OF LOW POSITION.
DO NOT BE CONCEITED.**

ROMANS 12:16

**FOUR DANGERS TO BECOMING
CONCEITED:**

**1. LEADS TO DAMAGED
RELATIONSHIPS**

2. LEADS TO

MISSED OPPORTUNITIES

3. IT HINDERS PERSONAL GROWTH

4. LEADS TO UNHAPPINESS

2. PROVOKING

“PROVOKING ONE ANOTHER”

**"PROVOKE," LITERALLY MEANS
"TO CALL FORTH," HENCE, TO
EXCITE OR STIR UP, WHETHER IN
A GOOD OR BAD SENSE.**

**THREE BIBLICAL
PRINCIPLES
TO CONSIDER
WHEN PROVOKED:**

**1. SEEK WISDOM AND
DISCERNMENT
PROVERBS 15:1**

2. PRACTICE SELF-CONTROL
GALATIANS 5:22-23

3. LOVE YOUR ENEMIES

MATTHEW 5:44

3. ENVYING

“ENVYING ONE ANOTHER”

**ENVY IS “TO WANT WHAT BELONGS
TO SOMEONE ELSE, A RESENTFUL,
DISSATISFIED LONGING FOR
ANOTHER’S POSSESSIONS,
POSITION, FORTUNE,
ACHIEVEMENTS, OR SUCCESS.”**

BIBLICAL EXAMPLES OF ENVY:

- 1. CAIN AND ABEL**
- 2. ESAU AND JACOB**
- 3. RACHEL AND LEAH**
- 4. THE JEWISH LEADERS**

**PROVERBS 14:30, A TRANQUIL
HEART GIVES LIFE TO THE
FLESH, BUT ENVY MAKES THE
BONES ROT.**

FIVE WAYS OUT OF ENVY:

1. CONFESS

2. REJOICE

3. BE PATIENT

4. COUNT THE COST

5. LEAN ON THE LORD

PRAYER

HEAVENLY FATHER, I KNOW ENVY AND JEALOUSY ARE NO MATCH FOR YOUR MERCY AND GRACE. FORGIVE ME WHEN I GRUMBLE OVER HOW YOU BLESS OTHERS AND HELP ME BE GRATEFUL FOR ALL THE WAYS YOU HAVE KINDLY BLESSED ME. IN JESUS' NAME, AMEN.