

The dictionary describes pride as an absorbing sense of one's own greatness and synonymous with arrogance, which means full of self to the exclusion of others.

We have all been turned off by those who "toot their own horns" so to speak. Can pride in one's own accomplishments be channeled in the right paths by a change in attitude? How have you seen evidence of this in your own life?

In the story of Joseph in the Old Testament book of Genesis, we find a young man who was over-confident and self-assured because of his favored position with father and the knowledge of God's designs on his life.

Proverbs 16:18 tells us that a haughty spirit goes before a fall and this was certainly true in Joseph's life. His arrogance was unbearable to his 10 older brothers whose jealousy caused them to conspire to get rid of him. But God had a plan for Joseph's life. He allowed him to survive and tempered his self-confidence with quiet wisdom and a positive attitude which saw him through hardship that would have destroyed an ordinary man.

Joseph was always aware of God's presence with him, transforming him into a man for God's own purpose. His winning personality and spiritual sensitivity won the hearts of all he met, eventually even his brothers.

Those things that were considered negatives in Joseph's character became positives in God's hands.

So it is in our lives. Whatever we surrender to God becomes useful for his purposes.

Is there something you need to surrender to him?

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Dream to Destiny

The Pride Test

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Genesis 37

God has a dream for you.

Eph 2:10 John 15:8 Ex 33:11 Jn 15:15

Don't brag about it.

Pr 11:2 Pr 29:23 Mt 12:34

Deal with the root of pride.