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20 And he said, "What comes out of a person is what defiles him.
21 For ***from within****, out of the heart of man, come evil*
thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, 22 coveting,
wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness.
23 All these evil things come ***from within,*** *and they defile a*
person."

Mark 7:20-23

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MALAYSIA

Johor cops suspect accidental carbon monoxide poisoning after three found dead in car



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CARBON MONOXIDE

The Silent Killer







It's the one thing that keeps you from:

- **Cheering for someone else's success.**
- **Saying, "I don't know" or "I was wrong."**
- **Asking for help.**
- **Being honest about your heart**
- **Learning new things.**

There is **one vice** of which **no man** in the world is **free**, which everyone in the world **loathes when he sees it** in **someone else**, and of which hardly **any people** except Christians ever **imagine that they are guilty themselves**.

3 Deadly Aspects of Pride

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From Connection to Competition

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Proverbs 16:18

Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.

Philippians 2:3

Do nothing from selfish ambition... but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.



Pride gets no pleasure out of having something, only out of having more of it than the next man.

We say people are proud of being rich, or clever, or good-looking, but they are not.

They are proud of being richer, or cleverer, or better-looking than others.

C.S. LEWIS
1898-1963



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Pride Battles God



Pride is "Rebellion Dressed in Dignity".
It is a refusal to stay in the place God assigned, reaching beyond dependence.

1 Peter 5:5
God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.



Two Faces of Pride



The Superiority Ego

- Constant comparison. Overestimating gifts.
- Needs to feel above others. Disdains those below.

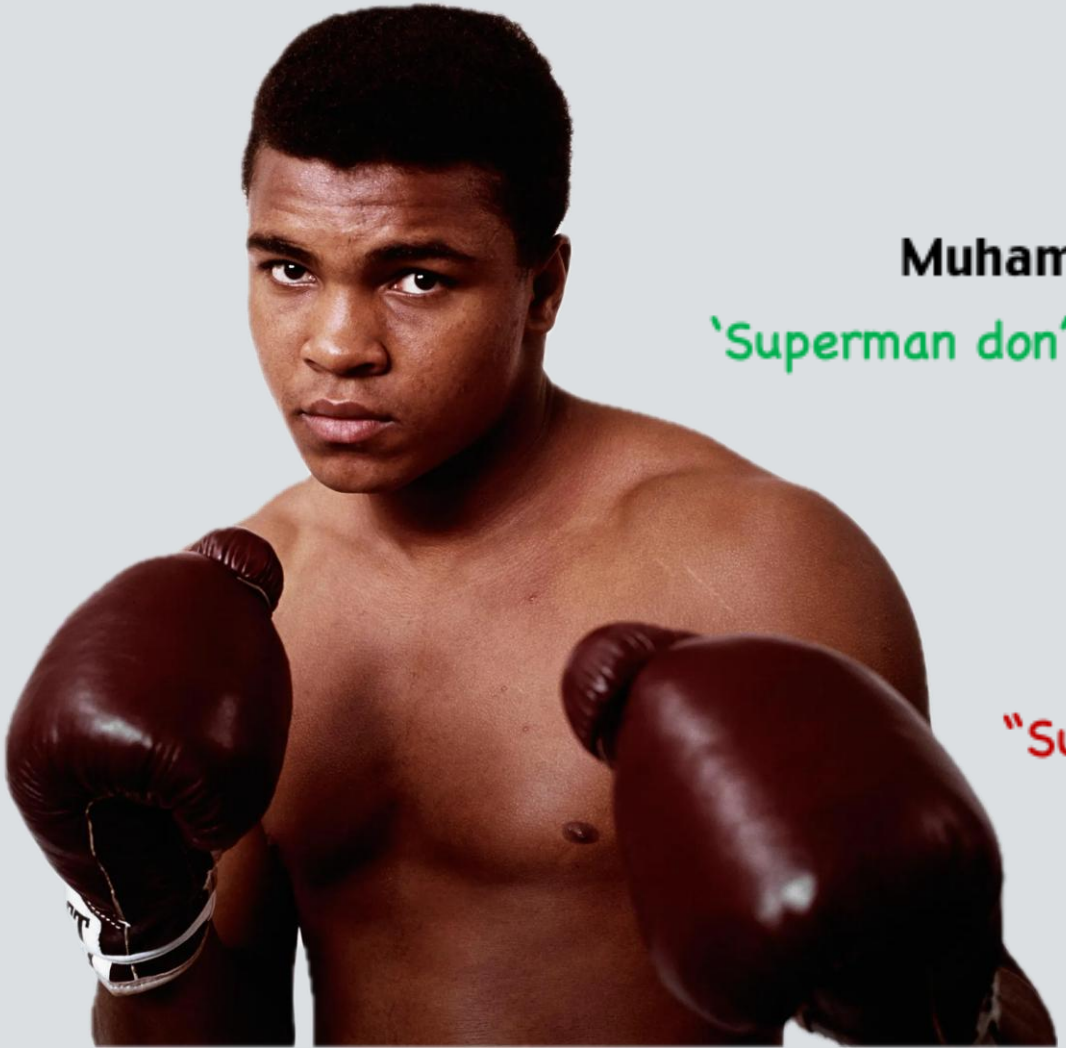


The Inferiority Ego

- Constant self-consciousness. Underestimating gifts.
- Always beating yourself up. Fears those above.

The Shared Root

Both are utterly consumed with the self.



Muhammad Ali

'Superman don't need no seatbelt.'

Flight Attendant

"Superman doesn't need a plane.
Now buckle up."

Lessons from the Life of King Uzziah



[3] Uzziah was **sixteen years old** when he began to reign,
and he reigned **fifty-two years** in Jerusalem. His mother's
name was Jecoliah of Jerusalem. [4] And he did **what was**
right in the eyes of the Lord, according to all that his
father Amaziah had done. [5] He set himself to **seek God** in
the days of **Zechariah**, who **instructed him in the fear of**
God, and as long as he sought the Lord, **God made him**
prosper.

2 Chronicles 26:3-5

King Uzziah

52 years of unmatched prosperity, military dominance, & techno-logical innovation.

The King With Two Names



Uzziah
(Used in 2 Chronicles): "Jehovah is my strength."

Azariah
(Used in 2 Kings): "Helped by Yahweh."



Mentored by the prophet Zechariah

6 He went out and made war against the **Philistines** and
broke through the wall of Gath and the wall of **Jabneh** and
the wall of **Ashdod**, and he built cities in the territory of
Ashdod and elsewhere among the Philistines. 7 God
helped him against the **Philistines** and against the
Arabians who lived in **Gurbaal** and against the **Meunites**.
8 The **Ammonites** paid tribute to Uzziah, and his fame
spread even to the **border of Egypt**, for he became **very
strong**.

2 Chronicles 26:6-8

The Golden Era of Judah's Expansion



Western Conquest

Defeated the Philistines, breaking down the walls of Gath, Jabneh, and Ashdod.

2 Chronicles 26:6-7



Eastern Conquest

Defeated the Arabs in Gurbal and the Meunites. Ammonites paid heavy tribute.

2 Chronicles 26:7-8



Southern Reach

Fame and geopolitical influence spread as far as the borders of Egypt.

2 Chronicles 26:8

Urban Defense



9 Moreover, Uzziah built **towers** in Jerusalem at the **Corner Gate** and at the **Valley Gate** and at the **Angle**, and **fortified** them.

2 Chronicles 26:9

The Agrarian



10 And he built towers in the wilderness and cut out many **cisterns**, for he had **large herds**, both in the Shephelah and in the plain, and he had **farmers** and **vinedressers** in the hills and in the **fertile lands**, for he **loved the soil.**

2 Chronicles 26:10

The Elite Force

307,500

Soldiers



[11] Moreover, Uzziah had an **army of soldiers**, **fit for war**, in divisions according to the numbers in the muster made by Jeiel the secretary and Maaseiah the officer, under the direction of Hananiah, one of the king's commanders. [12] The whole number of the **heads of fathers' houses** of **mighty men** of **valor** was **2,600**. [13] Under their command was an army of **307,500**, who could make war with mighty power, to help the king against the enemy.

2 Chronicles 26:11-13

The Arsenal





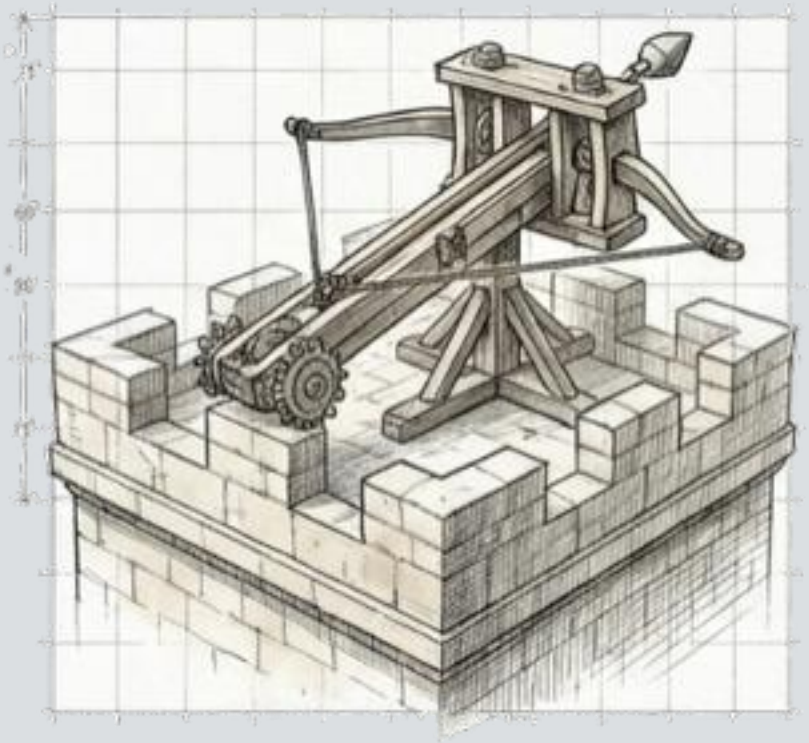




14 And Uzziah prepared for all the army **shields**, **spears**, **helmets**, **coats of mail**, **bows**, and **stones** for slinging.

2 Chronicles 26:14

The Engineer



15 In Jerusalem he made **machines**, **invented** by skillful men, to be on the towers and the corners, to **shoot arrows** and **great stones**. And his fame spread far, for he was **marvelously helped**, till he was strong.

2 Chronicles 26:15

But.. in the end



21 And King Uzziah **was a leper** to the **day of his death**, and being a leper **lived in a separate house**, for he was **excluded** from the **house of the Lord**. And Jotham his son was over the king's household, governing the people of the land.

2 Chronicles 26:21



4 Stages of Pride and Downfall



4 Stages of Pride

1 The Humble Heart
(Success)



5 He set himself **to seek God** in the days of Zechariah, who **instructed** him in the **fear of God**, and as long as he sought the Lord, **God made him prosper**.

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2 Chronicles 26:5,15b

The Myth of the Hardest Test

We expect to fail in the valley, but we are most vulnerable on the peak.

The Test of Adversity



- Drives us to our knees.
- Focuses our prayers.
- Reminds us we are weak.

Result: We cling to God.
Tests our Faith

The Test of Prosperity



- Lifts up our heads.
- Silences our prayers
- - Convinces us we are strong.

Result: We drift from God.
Tests our Character

4 Stages of Pride

2 The Haughty Heart
(Deception)



16 But **when he was strong**, he **grew proud**, to his destruction. For he was **unfaithful** to the Lord his God and **entered the temple** of the Lord to **burn incense** on the altar of incense.

2 Chronicles 26:16

[1] **Unless the Lord builds** the house, **those who build** it **labor in vain**. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain.

Psalm 127:1

[6] **I planted, Apollos watered,** but **God gave the growth.** [7] So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but **only God** who **gives the growth.**

1 Corinthians 3:6–7

4 Stages of Pride

3 The Hardened Heart
(Warning)



17 But Azariah the priest went in
after him, with **eighty priests** of the
Lord who were men of valor, 18 and
they withstood King Uzziah and said
to him, “It is **not for you**, **Uzziah**, **to**
burn incense to the Lord, but for the
priests, the sons of Aaron, who are
consecrated to burn incense. Go out
of the sanctuary, for **you have done**
wrong, and it will **bring you no**
honor from the Lord God.”

2 Chronicles 26:17-18

4 Stages of Pride

3 The Hardened Heart
(Warning)



19 Then Uzziah was **angry**. Now he had a censer in his hand to burn incense, and **when he became angry** with the priests, **leprosy broke out** on his **forehead** in the presence of the priests in the house of the Lord, by the altar of incense.

2 Chronicles 26:19

4 Stages of Pride

4 The Humiliated Heart
(Downfall)



20 And Azariah the chief priest and all the priests looked at him, and behold, he was **leprous in his forehead**! And they **rushed him out** quickly, and he himself hurried to go out, because the **Lord had struck him**. 21 And King Uzziah was a **leper** to the **day of his death,** and being a leper lived in a **separate house**, for he was **excluded** from the **house** of the **Lord**.

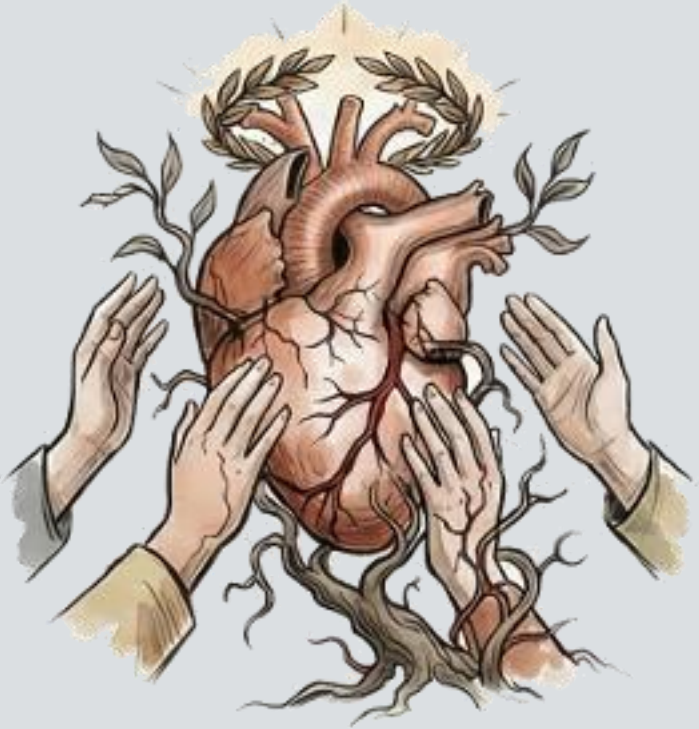
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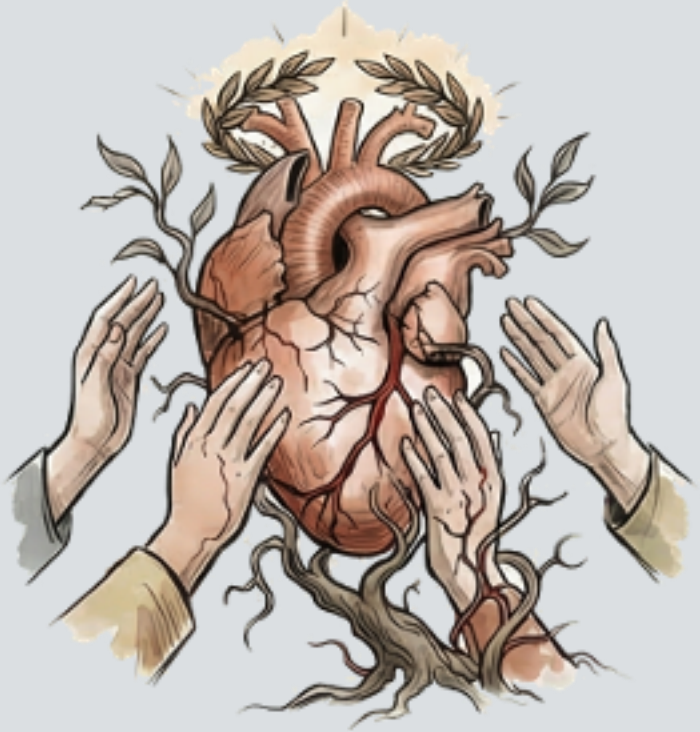


3 For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you **not to think** of **himself more highly** than **he ought to** think, but to think with **sober judgment**, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

Romans 12:3

3 Keys to Guard the Heart

Stay **Humble** when you are **Celebrated.**



17 Every **good gift** and every **perfect gift** is from above, coming down **from the Father** of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

James 1:17

31 so that, as it is written, "Let the one **who boasts**, **boast in the Lord**."

1 Corinthians 1:31

3 Keys to Guard the Heart

Stay **Humble** when you are **Corrected.**



31 The ear that **listens** to **life-giving reproof** will dwell **among the wise**. 32 Whoever **ignores instruction despises himself**, but he who listens to reproof **gains intelligence**.

Proverbs 15:31–32

20 **Listen to advice** and accept **instruction**, that you may **gain wisdom** in the future.

Proverbs 19:20

3 Keys to Guard the Heart

Stay **Humble** when you are **Caught.**



10 But David's heart struck him after he had numbered the people. And David said to the Lord, "I **have sinned greatly** in what I have done. But now, O Lord, **please take away** the **iniquity** of your servant, for I have done very foolishly."

2 Samuel 24:10


PRIDE AND
FOOLISHNESS

1. Who do you allow into your life to speak truth, challenge your pride, or hold you accountable?

2. When you are recognized, praised, or celebrated, how do you usually respond?

3. How do you respond when God, Scripture, or others correct you?