

1 Timothy 6:3-4: “If anyone teaches a different doctrine, those doctrines of our Lord Jesus Christ, even doctrines pertaining to godliness (spirituality),

Vs. 4: he has become arrogant, understanding nothing. Furthermore, he has morbid obsessions about controversies and verbal conflicts from which originate jealousy, discord, evil speculation.”

Arrogance is the corruptor of the soul and the sign that the sin nature is dominating the soul.

Arrogance is the basic sin that motivates rejection of Bible Doctrine. Therefore, it is a destruction to post-salvation epistemological rehabilitation.

Arrogance distracts the believer from doctrine. It divorces the believer from reality, both personal and historical. It rejects authority and destroys capacity for life, love, and happiness.

Arrogance motivates emotional sins.

- a. Fear, worry, and anxiety.
- b. Hatred, anger, violence, and murder.
- c. Guilt.
- d. Self-pity.

Arrogance reproduces itself in jealousy, bitterness, vindictiveness, implacability, revenge motivation and function, inordinate ambition and competition, gossip, slander, maligning, and judging. And arrogance parlayed into self-righteousness produces legalism.

Psychopathic arrogance includes the following:

- a. The hysterical psychopath.
- b. The pathological liar.
- c. The amoral psychopath.
- d. The sexual psychopath.
- e. The fanatical psychopath.

Psychopathic arrogance produces distorted thinking that creates a fantasy world in the soul. Good decisions broaden future options but bad decision limit future options. The latter problem is caused by divorcement from reality that results in distorted thinking built on fantasies.

A society of arrogant people naturally develops psychopathic people. Psychotherapy is a big business whose solutions rely on human viewpoint in attempts to restore rational thought.

In the psychotic state, a believer cannot recover through Bible Doctrine and rebound. Removal of scar tissue is initiated by techniques provided by psychiatric treatments that are assisted by prescription medicines, which enable the person to begin functioning in a normal manner.

Recovery from psychopathic arrogance, especially when accompanied by addictions, requires (1) consistent use of rebound to extract oneself from cosmic thinking, (2) proper medication prescribed by a trained physician, (3) continued treatment and medication, and (4) inculcation of biblical principles that gradually removes scar tissue of the soul.

Romans 1:21-22: “Even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God, or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heard was darkened,

Vs. 22: Professing to be wise they became fools.”

Criminal arrogance is an insolent attitude that unlawfully disregards the rights, privacy, or property of others. The lust to take what belongs to others originates from a depraved mind that rejects the concept of private property. He pridefully believes himself to be above the law, while convinced he is a good person.

Romans 13:4: “It (governing authority) is a minister of God to you for good. But if you do what is evil, be afraid; for it does not bear the sword for nothing, for it is a minister of God, an avenger who brings wrath on the one who practices evil.”

Political arrogance exists in many political opinions.

- a. Political arrogance which tries to Christianize a nation.
- b. Religious arrogance is trying to change the world through pressure and activism instead of understanding that the world will never get better, and that the purpose of the believer is to witness, to execute the protocol plan of God, and to become an invisible hero with invisible impact.
- c. Political arrogance which rejects the separation of church and state.
- d. Political arrogance which rejects the separation of free enterprise and the state.

Sexual arrogance is self-gratification in which sex is ritual without reality and a frantic search for happiness. Without the power of biblical guidance and restraint, the unbridled soul easily justifies all manner of sexual perversions.

1 Corinthians 6:18: “Flee immorality. Every other sin that a man commits is outside the body, but the immoral man sins against his own body.” (NASB)

Romans 1:26-27: “For this reason God gave them over to degrading passions; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural,

Vs. 27: and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own person the due penalty of their error. (NASB)

Authority Arrogance is rejection of duly appointed authority or abuse of power when in positions of authority. This was illustrated by David’s sin of raping Bathsheba which eventuated in the murder of the general Uriah. The prophet Nathan indicts David for his crimes related to authority arrogance in 2 Samuel 12:1-12.

Self-righteous Arrogance – The conversion of moral standards into a system for salvation or divine blessings. This involves the categories of human viewpoint, human good, and evil, each of which is promoted by Lucifer and his minions (2 Corinthians 11:13-15).

Iconoclastic Arrogance – Subjective preoccupation with others, by which association with them is guided by the delusion that people are flawless and totally trustworthy.

Once a person’s feet of clay are exposed, the iconoclast converts over to being an iconoclast: a person that destroys images. The image of the other person is a product of one’s own imagination, which imputes perfection or trustworthiness to him. When that individual fails, makes a mistake, commits a sin, etc., then that person must be destroyed.

Nobody is perfect; consequently, his failures are between him and the Lord. He is granted the option of rebound and a chance to overcome his failings. The iconoclast does not tolerate such benevolence, but instead endeavors to destroy that person.

The real problem of the iconoclast is not the person that failed him, but his own arrogance which is defined by the mental attitude sins of disillusionment, disenchantment, and bitterness.

Failure to develop objective standards in the soul, and a relaxed mental attitude regarding others, leads to the mental attitude sins described in category one of the Arrogance Complex (1 Timothy 6:6).

Rational and Irrational Arrogance:

Rational Arrogance - The arrogant high IQ or so-called “educated” person compromises Bible Doctrine with their own human viewpoint (Proverbs 18:1-2).

Proverbs 18:2: “A fool does not delight in understanding (Bible Doctrine, the “mind of Christ”), but only in revealing his own mind.” (NASB)

Irrational Arrogance – Emotion is used as the gauge for life (Philippians 3:18-19; Romans 16:17-18; 2 Corinthians 6:11-12).

Subjective Preoccupation with Self Arrogance - The person feels that they are not being treated the way that they want to be treated. They are hateful to people below them and bitter towards their superiors (Hebrews 13:5 and Philippians 4:11-13).

PRINCIPLE: If you are not content with what you have right now, you will never be content with what you have in the future.

Negative Volition Arrogance to Truth (Luke 13:34)

- a. Rejection of the Divine Institutions or minimal respect for the laws of the Divine Institutions.
- b. Rejection of the salvation message of faith alone in Christ alone. The unbeliever will not respond to grace.
- c. Rejection of Bible Doctrine (believer).

[Self-Righteous Arrogance](#) - Endorses legalism – to be righteous in one’s own eyes. Stresses human achievements, morality, or good deeds as of paramount concern (James 4:16, the book of Galatians, Matthew 23).

Self-righteous arrogance rejects most forms of authority. Byproducts include institutional arrogance in assuming that self is more important than the organization’s policy or purpose. The arrogant person feels that he is greater than the system which, in his thinking, has overlooked him.

It leads to [Crusader Arrogance](#) - Putting personal opinions on others without their consent. It violates the privacy of others and can create conflicts with others.

[“Christian Service” Arrogance](#) - All Christian service must be a result of growth towards spiritual maturity, and never a means of growth (1 Corinthians 3:11-15; Luke 14:11).

PRINCIPLE: [Arrogance is the only disease known to mankind which makes everyone sick except the one who has it.](#)

QUESTION: Are you an arrogance carrier?

[Proverbs 29:23:](#) “A man’s pride will bring him low, but the humble in spirit will retain honor.”

Jude 11 “Woe to them (the apostates), because they have been led into the way of life of Cain (jealousy and arrogance),

We saw God had provided everything for Cain, but Cain has the idea that he has provided essentially everything for himself.

Cain did it his way. Abel had another viewpoint.

You see, the offering was supposed to be an offering of thanks for the grace of God. That was the purpose of this offering. Abel, in making the offering, offered from his flock of sheep and he gave the very best lamb that he had.

Abel worshiped the Lord in the right way with the right motivation. Abel offered the best of his flock to the Lord, which indicated that his orientation was to God's grace and God's will.

Abel had it right. He recognized all he has and all that he was, was from God. His offering reflected his appreciation.

Cain did not do well. Cain's offering was not good. He did not offer the first and best of his produce. He shortchanged God. I'll give God something, but I'm going to hold back the best.

He did not see God, as the true source of his prosperity. What was Cain doing in his offering? This was essentially ritual without reality.

This is a characteristic of false teachers. Ritual without reality. Abel understood God's grace, was grace-oriented, and obviously had some doctrine in his soul. Cain's offering indicated that he did not have any personal relationship with God based on the grace of God.

God rejected Cain's offering as insufficient recognition of his grace. That included salvation in the promise of Genesis 3:15. Cain knew his parents very well. They communicated the promise of Genesis 3:15, the proto-evangel, the promise of salvation, the coming Messiah; that's the first mention of the Savior and Cain rejected it.

I am good enough for you God is the way he thought. So, Cain had no relationship with God and the false teachers, in spite of what they may say, have no relationship with God. They can't and teach false doctrine.

Cain was the first unbeliever in the human race and, in embarrassment and anger at the rejection, went into mental attitude sin mode in Genesis 4:5. He became jealous. God accepted his brother's offering, but he did not accept Cain's offering.

Cain was offering his works. How could God not accept my great works? That is something that unbelievers think, have always thought, and it is a great stumbling block for those who are staring salvation and the work of Jesus Christ in the face.

The bottom line here is that Cain, without grace orientation, was arrogant. Here's a principle for you: **Arrogance does not like rejection. If you reject somebody and they are arrogant, you better realize there will be repercussions.**

It's clear where Cain fits into this whole picture: he is the enemy of grace, the enemy of God, and he is in the cosmic system.

This is a very clear warning to the churches by Jude. Although Cain was the firstborn of the human race, it's interesting and ironic he was not born again.

Cain's way was religion: his works versus God's grace.

Cain's way was legalism, without faith and recognition of God's grace.

Cain's way led to arrogance, to envy and hatred of Abel who was acceptable to God.

The false teachers are utterly opposed to God, His Word, and the spiritual advance of believers. They are the Cains of this world.

They are full of arrogance, full of envy, full of hatred. They are characterized by mental attitude sins.

They are soul murderers of believers by leading them into apostasy.

Like Cain, the false teachers belong to the cosmic system of Satan.

And so, those are some of the characteristics of false teachers represented by Cain and what he was like and why Jude said this is a perfect illustration of these guys who are teaching false doctrine in the churches.

Our next illustration is Balaam. Whereas Cain had obvious mental attitude sins of hatred, jealousy, arrogance, and a lack of grace orientation, that wasn't Balaam's problem.

Balaam is another illustration of another problem that corresponds to the false teachers.

Jude 11b, **“they have run greedily in the error of Balaam for profit.”**

Balaam had materialism lust and he was a slave to the details of life. His focus was on monetary gain. And there it is, the second characteristic illustration of the false teachers: greed.

Cain had mental attitude sins of hatred and jealousy; Balaam had another problem that corresponds to the false teachers. Verse 11b says, “they, (the false teachers), have run greedily in the error of Balaam for profit.”

Balaam’s focus was solely on monetary gain. Balaam liked money. Balaam wanted wealth. He wanted a lifestyle commensurate with his own arrogance. So, greed then is another characteristic of the false teachers the “dreamers” of verse 8.

“To run greedily” is the aorist passive indicative of the verb ἐκχέω – *ekchéō*. It means to “to pour out” or “to gush out.”

It can also mean “to rush headlong into anything,” “an impetuous person.” It can mean “to abandon oneself to something.”

Now, *ekchéō* here is also in the passive voice, which is important. The passive voice means the subject, who is Balaam, receives the action of the verb.

An expanded translation would be “to be given to something with reckless abandon.” “To be given over to something that interests someone so much that they throw themselves into it with reckless abandon.”

What was Balaam's error? It's described in this context by two words.

The first is *πλάνη* - *plánē*. It's translated here “error.” But the basic meaning of *plánē* “is wandering or roaming.”

In the concept of thought, it means “delusion or deception,” to which Balaam had a strong propensity. These “delusions” certainly are the way that the “dreamers” of verse 8 can be described.

“Dreamers” and “delusions” go hand in hand. And Balaam was the epitome of strong delusions. So what is Balaam's delusion?

Our next word that defines Balaam is *μισθός* - *misthós*. *Misthós* means “wages,” “dues paid for work,” or “reward.”

So an expanded translation of Jude 11b so far is this: “they, (the false teachers), have run with reckless abandon to the delusions of Balaam, which is monetary reward.”

The backstory is that Balak, the King of Moab, sends a messenger and wants to hire Balaam for a pretty good sum of money. The money that is being offered is too good to pass up and it supersedes all else in the life of Balaam.

His overwhelming desire for money causes Balaam to throw himself in with reckless abandon and he pays a terrible price for it, just as will the false teachers.

The story of Balaam and his material delusion can be found in Numbers 22 through 24. We're not go through these chapters. You know the story already and if you want to refresh your memory you can read them as homework.

Money drives churches today. There are always pastors asking for money and mainline denominations make sure they pass out the tithing envelopes every month.

In fact, money has become such an issue in churches that there is always a "building fund," "new bus ministry," and we'll be glad to take your 10% tithing to fund each of these and many of you can give more! So fork it over.

This church has never asked for a penny in the 38 years that Joe has been the pastor. Neither has Joe Griffin Media Ministries, nor has Philippi Freedom Ministry. Check out our policy on giving...it's grace all the way. If God is in it, He will provide the money.

There is never a charge for any of the material the three ministries provide. Never ever; you will never be asked to give a penny.

Anything that is given should be given in grace – by grace oriented believers - and funds goes to the furtherance of the dissemination of Bible Doctrine.

Joshua 13:22 calls Balaam a "diviner." Let's look at Colonel Thieme's book on "Satan and Demonism":

"You shall not eat anything with the blood, nor practice divination or soothsaying." (Lev. 19:26)

"There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, one who uses divination, one who practices witchcraft, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer." (Deut. 18:10)