## **GETTING EGO OUT OF THE WAY**

"Love is never boastful or proud."

1 Corinthians 13:4

## WHAT PRIDE DOES TO RELATIONSHIPS

"Arrogance causes nothing but trouble." Proverbs 13:10 (GN)

•	It produces
	"Take the log out of your own eye first, and then you'll be able to see and take the speck out of your brother's eye." Matthew 7:5
•	It provokes
	"Let us not be ambitious for our own reputations, for that only means making each other jealous." Galatians 5:26 (Ph)
	"Pride only breeds quarrels." Proverbs 13:10 (NIV)
•	It prevents
	"If we walk in the light we have <u>fellowship</u> with each other (but) if we claim to be without sin we deceive ourselves" 1 John 1:7-8
•	It postpones

"A man who refuses to admit his mistakes can never be successful. But if he confesses and forsakes them, he <u>gets another chance</u>." Proverbs 28:13 (LB)

## THE ANTIDOTE TO EGOTISM

•	Accept
	"Don't cherish exaggerated ideas of yourself or your importance, but try to have a <u>sane estimate</u> of your capabilities" Romans 12:3 (Ph)
	"Who can say `I've kept my heart pure. I am clean without sin'?" Proverbs 20:9
•	Recognize
	"What are you so puffed up about? What do you have that God hasn't given you? And if all you have is from God, why act as though you have accomplished something on your own?"  1 Corinthians 4:7 (LB)
•	Experience
	May you be able to <u>feel and understand</u> how long, how wide, how deep, and how high God's love really is; and to <u>experience this love</u> for yourselves so at last you will be filled up with God himself!" Ephesians 3:18-19 (LB)

"The proof of God's amazing love for us is this: that while we are

sinning, Christ died for us." Rom. 5:8 (Ph)