

# LED BY THE SPIRIT OR EGO?



## EGO

a person's sense of self-esteem or self-importance.

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synonyms: self-esteem, self-importance, self-worth, self-respect, self-conceit, self-image, self-confidence; amour propre

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Your ego is your conscious mind, the part of your identity that you consider your "self." If you say someone has "a big ego," then you are saying he is too full of himself.



# EGO..... SATAN'S GATE



## matthew 16v.21

**21** From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day.

**22** Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee.

**23** But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.

**24** Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

**But you have not so learned Christ!!!!**



## **EPHESIANS 4 V. 22**

**20** But you have not so learned Christ, **21** if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: **22** that you put off, concerning your former conduct, **the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, 23** and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, **24** and that you put on **the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.**



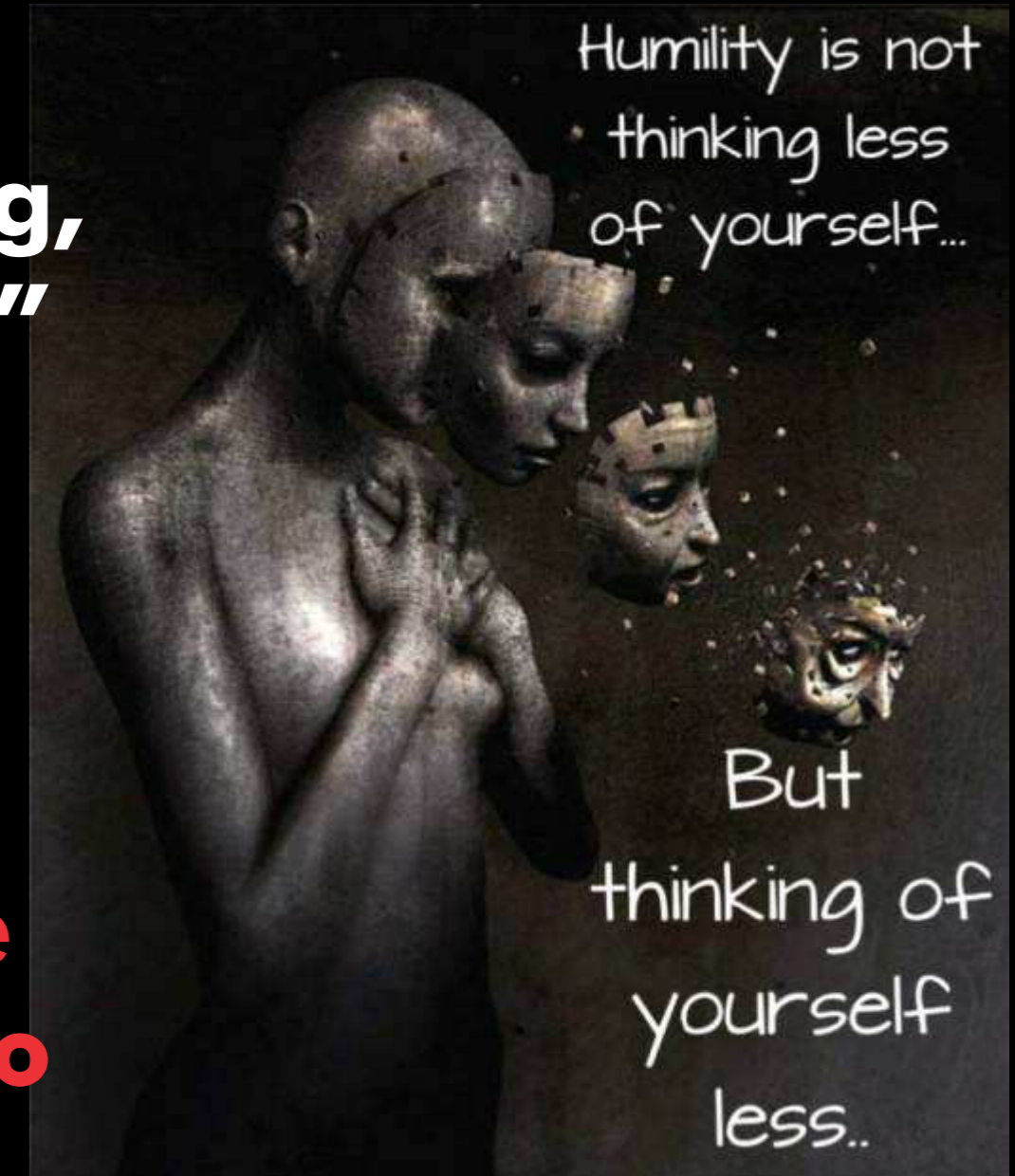
# Who's kingdom are we building?



## John 7 v.15-18

**14** Now about the middle of the feast Jesus went up into the temple and taught. **15** And the Jews marveled, saying, "How does this Man know letters, having never studied?"

**16** Jesus answered them and said, "My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me. **17** If anyone wills to do His will, he shall know concerning the doctrine, whether it is from God or whether I speak on My own authority. **18** He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but He who seeks the glory of the One who sent Him is true, and no unrighteousness is in Him.



**Strife comes out of promoting self / Ego!**



## **Proverbs 30 v. 32-33**

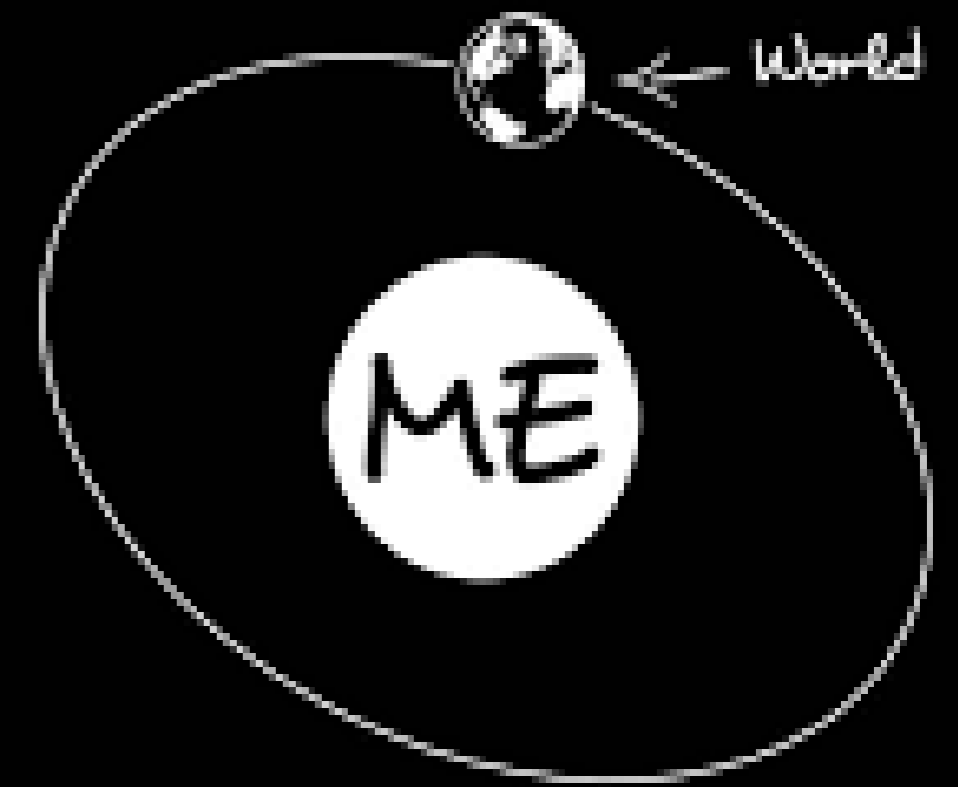
**32**

**If you have been foolish in exalting yourself,  
Or if you have devised evil, put your hand on  
your mouth.**

**33**

**For as the churning of milk produces butter,  
And wringing the nose produces blood,  
So the forcing of wrath produces strife.**

## **The Gift of Ego**



# Be Sensitive to the Spirit



## 1 CORINTHIANS 8 VERSE 1

**1:** Now about food offered to idols: of course we know that all of us possess knowledge concerning these matters. **Yet mere knowledge causes people to be puffed up** (to bear themselves loftily and be proud), **but love** (affection and goodwill and benevolence) edifies and builds up and encourages one to grow [to his full stature]..... **And that is Christ!**

all of us possess knowledge. Paul addresses the sin of arrogance as an introduction to the subject of idolatry (vv. 1–3). These comments reveal that behind the behavior of the Corinthians (or at least an important group among them) lay a serious problem of attitude. Their conduct was not guided by love (cf. ch. 13) but by pride.

# EGO (idolatry)...The Lord Sends a Lying Spirit!



## EZEKIEL 14 VERSES 1-11

**1** Now some of the elders of Israel came to me and sat before me. **2** And the word of the Lord came to me, saying, **3** "Son of man, these men have set up their idols in their hearts, and put before them that which causes them to stumble into iniquity. Should I let Myself be inquired of at all by them?"

**4** "Therefore speak to them, and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God: "Everyone of the house of Israel who sets up his idols in his heart, and puts before him what causes him to stumble into iniquity, and then comes to the prophet, I the Lord will answer him who comes, according to the multitude of his idols, **5** that I may seize the house of Israel by their heart, because they are all estranged from Me by their idols.'"

**6** "Therefore say to the house of Israel, 'Thus says the Lord God: "Repent, turn away from your idols, and turn your faces away from all your abominations. **7** For anyone of the house of Israel, or of the strangers who dwell in Israel, who separates himself from Me and sets up his idols in his heart and puts before him what causes him to stumble into iniquity, then comes to a prophet to inquire of him concerning Me, I the Lord will answer him by Myself. **8** I will set My face against that man and make him a sign and a proverb, and I will cut him off from the midst of My people. Then you shall know that I am the Lord.

**9** "And if the prophet is induced to speak anything, I the Lord have induced that prophet, and I will stretch out My hand against him and destroy him from among My people Israel. **10** And they shall bear their iniquity; the punishment of the prophet shall be the same as the punishment of the one who inquired, **11** that the house of Israel may no longer stray from Me, nor be profaned anymore with all their transgressions, but that they may be My people and I may be their God," says the Lord God.'"

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## 1 Kings 22

**8** So the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, "There is still one man, Micaiah the son of Imlah, by whom we may inquire of the Lord; but I hate him, because he does not prophesy good concerning me, but evil."

**19** Then Micaiah said, "Therefore hear the word of the Lord: I saw the Lord sitting on His throne, and all the host of heaven standing by, on His right hand and on His left. **20** And the Lord said, 'Who will persuade Ahab to go up, that he may fall at Ramoth Gilead?' So one spoke in this manner, and another spoke in that manner. **21** Then a spirit came forward and stood before the Lord, and said, 'I will persuade him.' **22** The Lord said to him, 'In what way?' So he said, 'I will go out and be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.' And the Lord said, 'You shall persuade him, and also prevail. Go out and do so.' **23** Therefore look! The Lord has put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these prophets of yours, and the Lord has declared disaster against you."



# EGO- The Biggest Idol...THE ROOT OF APOSTACY



## 2 Thessalonians 2 verses 10-11

**9** The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, **10** and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, **because they did not receive the love of the truth,** that they might be saved. **11** And for this reason **God will send them strong delusion,** that they should believe the lie, **12** that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth **but had pleasure in unrighteousness.**

# THE MESSAGE OF THE CROSS...EGO'S ENEMY!



## 2 PETER 1 verses 2-4

2 Grace and peace be multiplied to you **in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord,**

3 **as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness,** through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue,

4 by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, **that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature,** having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

**THIS IS SHOWING US WE NEED TO HAVE OUR EYES ON THE FINISHED WORK OF THE CROSS**

# ESCAPE FROM PLANET EGO



**5** But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, **6** to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, **7** to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness **LOVE**. **8** For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**9** For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins.

**10** Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble; **11** for so an entrance will be supplied to you **abundantly** into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

## **2 Corinthians 4:4 - The Cross destroys EGO**

**4 whose minds the god of this age has blinded,** who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them. **5** For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your bondservants for Jesus' sake. **6** For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

### **Cast Down but Unconquered**

**7** But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.

**The Power of the Spirit through Faith not in our EGO! READ V. 10&11...  
BEING TAKEN TO OUR CROSS**

# CASTING OFF EGO-PUTTING ON CHRIST

**7 But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ.**

**8 Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ**

**9 and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which *is* from the law, but that which *is* through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith;**

**10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,**

**11 if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.**