

DETHRONING EGO
RELATIONSHIPS: Step it up! – Part 4
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“LOVE...DOES NOT BOAST, IT IS NOT PROUD...IT IS NOT SELF-SEEKING,...” I Corinthians 13:4,5 (NIV)

I. WHAT DOES PRIDE DO TO RELATIONSHIPS?

1. IT _____.

“Pride only breeds quarrels,...” Proverbs 13:10 (NIV)

Matthew 7:3-5

2. IT _____.

“If we walk in the light...we have fellowship with one another...if we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves...” I John 1:7,8 (NIV)

3. IT _____.

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

II. THE ANTIDOTE TO EGOTISM

1. ACCEPT _____.

Ecclesiastes 7:20; Romans 3:23; Romans 3:10; I John 1:8

“...Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you.” Romans 12:3 (NIV)

“Who can say, ‘I have kept my heart pure; I am clean and without sin?’”
Proverbs 20:9 (NIV)

2. RECOGNIZE _____.

Romans 6:23

“In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding.” Ephesians 1:7 (NIV)

“What makes you better than anyone else? What do you have that God hasn’t given you? And if all you have is from God, why boast as though you have accomplished something on your own?” I Corinthians 4:7 (NLT)

“Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.”
James 1:17 (NIV)

3. EXPERIENCE _____.

“...And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge – that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.”
Ephesians 3:17-19 (NIV)

“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” Romans 5:8 (NIV)

“God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” James 4:6 (NIV)