

No More Defeat – Part 7

John 15:4-7; 1 Pet. 5:5-7

- *We fail because of one, simple reason.*
 - The Lord removes His grace that empowers and sustains us.
- *Why does He remove His grace?*
 - *Because PRIDE does not give Him the place and glory He deserves.*
 - *There is no grace for pride and self-will.*

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Pride's Location – Personal Recon.

- *Where is pride located and how does it manifest?*
 - *It is located in my reasonings and judgments, and the subsequent words and actions.*
 - *Acting independently* (eating of the tree of knowledge), *and disobeying His desire for oneness is the essence of pride* ("I am my own god").
 - *Humility observes but doesn't judge and act on its own.*
 - *Pride judges, then speaks and acts from SELF.*

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Pride's Location – Personal Recon.

- *I observe what you do or say, but I don't know WHY you do or say it.*
 - *I must not JUDGE you* (pass sentence) *based on eating of the tree of knowledge.*
 - *Only when I'm given supernatural judgment/discernment* (which is always warning and/or redemptive), *am I allowed to speak or act.*

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Pride's Location – Personal Recon.

- *All reasoning and judgment not based on Spirit-given wisdom (1 Cor. 2:9-16) is wrong.*
- *When we reason or judge thus, we FAIL because His grace is cut off.*
- *We then reap what we sow.*
- *We EAT of the poisonous tree instead of LISTENING to His VOICE.*
- *You cannot supplement your way out of a bad diet!*

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Pride's Location – Personal Recon.

- *The blood of the Lamb does not touch this place – it must be mortified/removed.*
- *The blood cleanses sin, including unbelief, but it can't remove the CORE.*
- *Until the core is removed, no matter how clean and strong the blood, infection keeps intact!*

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What is Success from God's Viewpoint?

- *Most believe success is attaining a goal.*
- *Biblical success is measured in faithfulness not in attainment.*
- **Luke 16:15:** *"And He said to them, 'You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is highly esteemed among men is an abomination in the sight of God.'"*

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What is Success from God's Viewpoint?

- *Success becomes a BURDEN that must be born, and only the Spirit, through the grace of God, can sustain success and the praise of men.*
- *Success, if not rooted in the character of the Lord Jesus, will lead to pride arising, and defeat and disaster because it cuts us off from grace.*

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What is Success from God's Viewpoint?

- **Deut 8:11-17:** *"Beware that you do not forget the LORD your God by not keeping His commandments, His judgments, and His statutes which I command you today, lest-- when you have eaten and are full, and have built beautiful houses and dwell in them; and when your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and your gold are multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied; when your heart is lifted up, and you forget the LORD your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage...then you say in your heart, 'My power and the might of my hand have gained me this wealth.'"*
