

Cosmic 1: Self-righteousness: Legalistic Pharisees, Matt 23:27-28; Sexual: Ritual & Illegitimate, Christian Marriage Defined; Criminal: Rejection of Authority, Rom 13:1-3; Psychopathic: Divorcement from Reality, Rom 12:3; Unhappiness: Emphasis on the External, 1 Pet 5:5; Luke 11:27-28; Phil 4:11-13

- 4) **Self-righteous.** The assumption of righteous superiority over all others which results in several manifestations of this disposition: (1) reliance on self rather than God, (2) intolerance of others as being spiritually inferior, and (3) over-emphasis on self. The classic example of the self-righteously arrogant is the Pharisees whom the Lord chastised as functioning in spiritual death in:

Matthew 23:27 - **“Woe [הוֹי, hoy: an interjection used in lamenting a person’s death and in prophetic announcements of judgment or threats] to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which on the outside appear beautiful, but inside they are full of dead men’s bones and all uncleanness.**

Matthew 23:28 - **“So you, too, outwardly appear righteous to men, but inwardly you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.**

- 5) **Sexual.** This is an area of immorality where sex is performed outside the institution of marriage. Sex in marriage is the ritual that commemorates the coalescence of souls between right man and right woman. Outside of marriage it is a means of opioid release for two people both of which are preoccupied with self. Legitimate sex is the expression of love between right man and right woman and when engaged outside of marriage it is a ritual without reality. Illegitimate sex is any sexual act performed outside the divine institution of marriage regardless of the configuration of the individuals involved. Marriage is biblically defined as follows:

A divine institution that unites for life two people—one man and one woman. The *Christian* marriage is a spiritual as well as a divine institution that unites for life a man and a woman who have each expressed personal faith in Jesus Christ for salvation and eternal life. United as one, they become a corporate testimony to the world of Church's eternal relationship with Christ: the Church's reciprocal love and enduring respect for Christ expressed through the testimony of the wife, Christ's unconditional love and enduring devotion to the Church expressed through the testimony of the husband. God Himself united the first members of the human family which fact alone abolishes all light, frivolous, and unorthodox views of marriage. Therefore, Grace Doctrine Church only solemnizes marriages of Christian couples of which at least one party—the woman or the man—must be a member of the local congregation. The Board of Deacons has delegated complete discretion to the pastor regarding who the church will unite in Christian marriage. (Ecclesiastes 9:9; Matthew 19:4–6;¹ Ephesians 5:22–33; 1 Corinthians 7:1–4;² 2 Corinthians 6:14–16a;³ Genesis 2:20–24.)⁴⁵

- 6) **Criminal.** All criminal function is the result of arrogance toward the established norms of a society and is expressed through violations of the law. All criminal acts are due to the volitional decision made by the perpetrator. Those who commit crimes are guilty of the act regardless of their alleged mental condition at the time.

Criminality is the result of rejection of authority in the home. Therefore, the criminal rejects all authority but his own and therefore assumes authority over others – their lives, their property, and their person.

Romans 13:1 - Mankind: subordinate yourselves to governing authorities. For there is no authority except delegated by God, that is, these which do exist have been delegated by God.

v. 2 - Therefore, those who resist the authority have opposed the ordinance of God; in fact, those who oppose shall receive punishment on themselves.

v. 3 - For government authorities are not a cause of fear for moral function but for evil function. Really, do you desire not to fear the authority? Keep on doing the good and you will have recognition from it.

¹ The divine institution.

² The Christian marriage.

³ The unequally yoked marriage.

⁴ The first marriage.

⁵ Joe Griffin, *Forty Proclamations: The Theology of Grace Doctrine Church* (St. Charles: Joe Griffin Media Ministries, forthcoming), np.

- 7) **Psychopathic.** This is arrogance that develops from a volitional process that causes ineptitude in dealing with reality. The emotionally unstable person arrives at such a state because he has substituted emotion for reality and therefore is unable to engage critical thought or to analyze circumstances objectively and, consequently, emotion takes control of the soul. Characteristics of the psychopathic believer include: (1) mental imbalance, (2) mental instability that is expressed by self-righteousness in prosperity and self-pity in adversity, (3) extreme overemphasis on self where egocentricity makes every issue relate to self instead of others, and (4) egoism where individual self-interest is the valid end of all actions.

Romans 12:3a - For I say through the grace which has been given to me, to everyone who is among you, stop thinking of self in terms of arrogance beyond what you ought to think ...

8. **Unhappiness.** The misconception of what constitutes happiness causes the arrogant disposition of unhappiness which develops because a person looks for happiness in all the wrong places. True happiness is not found in people, pleasant surroundings, financial prosperity, or good health. Instead it is an inner resource that is constructed on an inventory of ideas that produces wisdom in the *kardia* so that no exigency in the devil's world can cause one's cognitive invincibility to be disrupted. Unhappiness destroys a person's capacity for life. The arrogance of unhappiness clearly demonstrates the way that all categories of cosmic 1 become activated:

Picture the believer as a person carrying around a grenade. The grenade is his sinful nature. It has a pin in place which is the arrogance complex or cosmic 1. This pin can be pulled at anytime by the person's volitional choice to sin. When the pin is pulled, the believer fragments into one or more of the twelve categories of cosmic 1. The arrogance of unhappiness always manages to make the believer's residence in cosmic 1 boldly obvious to even the most casual observer. The key reality exposed by unhappiness is that bad decisions are always preceded by unrealistic expectations.

1 Peter 5:5b - All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because God makes war against the arrogant but gives grace to the humble.

Those who are unhappy achieve pseudo happiness through self-righteousness:

Luke 11:27 - A woman in the crowd spoke out to Jesus, "Blessed is the womb that bore you and the breasts at which you nursed!"

Luke 11:28 - But He replied, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it!"

Obviously then, if one is to be blessed they must hear the Word of God and those that have interest in the Word and continue their pursuit of truth will acquire happiness:

Philippians 4:11b - I have learned [μανθάνω, *manthanō*: to understand and learn] to be content [αὐτάρκης, *autarkēs*: self-sufficient, i.e., spiritual independence through the power of the Holy Spirit & resident doctrine] in any circumstance.

v. 12 - I have experienced [οἶδα, *oīda*: to come to realize] times of need and times of abundance. In any and every circumstance I have learned [μυέω, *mueō*: to learn what was not known before] the secret of contentment, whether I go satisfied or hungry, have plenty or nothing.

v. 13 - I am able to do all things through the One who strengthens me.