

C. Scripture warns against pulling the pin of the grenade.

Proverbs 11:2 When arrogance comes, then comes dishonor; but with the humble is wisdom. (NASB)

Proverbs 16:18 Arrogance precedes destruction, and before a fall there is a lifestyle of arrogance [**psychological living**]. (EXT)

Proverbs 29:23 A person's arrogance will bring him low, but a lifestyle of humility will attain honor." (EXT)

The real issue is not your ability, but your lifestyle of humility. Humility is teachability. One phrase of Psalm 59:12b describes the fragmented life: "... let them be caught in their arrogance."

James 4:6 God gives greater grace. This is why the Scripture says in Proverbs 3:34, "God makes war against the arrogant [**believer**], but He gives grace to the humble [**believer**]." (EXT)

God makes war on any arrogant believers who are in Satan's army, the devil's disciples.

1 Peter 5:5 In the same way, comparative novices, be under the authority of the pastors. All of you in the congregation, fasten yourselves to each other with humility [**grace thinking**], because GOD MAKES WAR AGAINST THE ARROGANT, BUT HE GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE.'

v. 6 Therefore, humble yourselves [**become grace oriented**] under the powerful hand of God, that He may promote you at the proper time." (EXT)

- a. You humble yourself under the powerful hand of God by using the problem-solving devices. The one in view here is grace orientation.
- b. If God does not promote you, you are not promoted. You can be successful and yet have a fragmented life. The only way you can be promoted within the limitations of your capacity is when God promotes you.
- c. God promotes prepared people.
- d. God promotes the humble or the grace-oriented individual.
- e. God provides hearers for prepared pastors.

Romans 12:3 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, but think in terms of sanity for the purpose of being rational without illusion, as God has assigned to each one of us a standard of thinking from doctrine. (EXT)

James 3:14 But if you have bitter jealousy and inordinate ambition in your right lobe, stop being arrogant and stop lying against the truth.

v. 15 This pseudo-wisdom is not that which comes down from above, but is earthly [fragmented], natural [human and psychological viewpoint only], demonic [demon influence].

v. 16 For where jealousy and inordinate ambition exist, there is dishonor and every evil deed.” (EXT)

- f. Bitter jealousy and inordinate ambition pulls the pin of the grenade.
 - g. Pseudo-wisdom is fragmented living resulting in intellectual arrogance or false doctrine.
 - h. No one can function, e.g., like a pastor-teacher, while fragmented through his own arrogance.
1. New converts often fall into the fragmented life. Therefore, 1 Timothy 3:3, 6 lists some of the fragments of the life:

1 Timothy 3:4 He must be one who manages his own household well, keeping his children under control with all dignity ...

v. 6 ... and not a new convert, so that he will not become conceited and fall into the condemnation incurred by the devil. (NASB)

The teaching of doctrine is required to rectify such a situation:

Proverbs 13:10 Through arrogance comes nothing but strife, but wisdom is with those who receive instruction. (EXT)

2. The fragmented life is described in:

Psalms 59:12b Let them be caught in their arrogance.”

3. Bitterness is one of the ways to pull the pin of the grenade, and it involves hurting others as well. Bitterness is a pin in the grenade that is often pulled where grace orientation is lacking:



Hebrews 12:15 See to it that no one falls short of the grace of God, that no root of bitterness springs up and causes you trouble, and by it [**the fragmented life**] many are defiled. (NASB)

- a. One fragmented person causes reaction from others, and they in turn become fragmented.
 - b. Bitterness goes hand in hand with unrealistic expectation: not being treated the way you want to be treated; not being loved the way you want to be loved; and not being respected the way you want to be respected.
 - c. So, you may become antagonistic toward them, or bitter, hateful, or implacable.
 - d. Whatever your reaction, you have fragmented your own life, and only God can cause you to recover through the use of the rebound technique.
4. Bitterness is related to other pins in the grenade, as in:

Ephesians 4:31 Let all bitterness, both anger [**emotional sin**] and wrath [**mental attitude sin**], both quarreling and slander [**verbal sins**] must be removed from you, along with all malice.

Malice here means two things:

- a. Malice is the desire and the motivation of the fragmented believer to inflict suffering and injury on others.
- b. Malice is motivated by jealousy, hatred, bitterness, vindictiveness, implacability, self-pity, and revenge modus operandi.

D. The Tragedy of the Fragmented Life.

1. The fragments of the grenade include all functions related to grieving the Holy Spirit or life in cosmic one.
2. All the fragments of the grenade result in various stages of retrogression in the spiritual life, i.e., reversionism, in which the later stages, emotional revolt of the soul, blackout of the soul, scar tissue of the soul, and reverse process reversionism, exacerbate the drive toward degeneracy.
3. The majority of Christians today have the tragic flaw of the fragmented life. Since we are ambassadors for Christ, people look at us with a tragic flaw and say, "If that's Christianity, I don't want any part of it." Therefore, they turn away from both eternal salvation and every possible category of blessing in life.

