

Never Good Enough

From the Series

HEALING RAIN

“Pride goeth before destruction and an haughty spirit before a fall.” {Prov. 16:18}

“There is nothing so offensive to God or so dangerous to the human soul as pride and self-sufficiency. Of all sins it is the most hopeless, the most incurable.” {White; Christ Object Lessons, pg. 154}

“For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise.” {II Cor. 10:12}

“The reason there are so many **hardhearted men and women** in our world is that true affection has been regarded as weakness and has been discouraged and repressed. **The better part of the nature of persons of this class was perverted and dwarfed in childhood,**” {White; Testimonies Vol. 3, pg. 539}

“God does not regard all sins as of equal magnitude; there are degrees of guilt in His estimation, as well as in that of man; but however trifling this or that wrong act may seem in the eyes of men, no sin is small in the sight of God. Man’s judgment is partial, imperfect; but God estimates all things as they really are. **The drunkard is despised and is told that his sin will exclude him from heaven; while pride, selfishness, and covetousness too often go unrebuked. But these are sins that are especially offensive to God;** for they are contrary to the benevolence of His character, to that unselfish love which is the very atmosphere of the unfallen universe. **He who**

falls into some of the grosser sins may feel a sense of his shame and poverty and his need of the grace of Christ; but pride feels no need, and so it closes the heart against Christ and the infinite blessings He came to give. {White; Steps to Christ, pg. 30}

“Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?” {Romans 2:4}

“Nothing is apparently more helpless, yet really more invincible, than the soul that feels its nothingness and relies wholly on the merits of the Saviour.” {White; Testimonies, vol. 7, p. 17}

“Jesus has revealed to you your value by the price he has paid for your redemption.” {White; The Youth’s Instructor, January 25, 1910 par. 7}

Case Scenario: Jackson is your younger brother who is now an Elder in the Church. Growing up in your home wasn’t exactly perfect as everyone else had thought. Both you and Jackson were always compared to other children in the Church and told that you were good for nothing. You always felt that you could never please your parents. That you were never good enough. Lately, Jackson has been becoming more and more critical of people both within and without the Church. He also tends to compare himself with others and bragging of what he is doing. Lately, his children are drifting away from him and he has come to you for help. What do you do?