

Today we immerse ourselves in the statement of 1 Corinthians 13:4 that love is not arrogant. I hope you will benefit from thinking about questions that seem relevant.

1. What are some common wrong beliefs that accompany arrogance?
2. What feelings often are generated when a person acts arrogantly?
3. How do we commonly react to people who act arrogantly around us?
4. What motivates us to be arrogant?
5. What does arrogance want? What legitimate desires do we pervert when we act arrogantly?
6. How do we manage to be proud and not know it? What are signs of arrogance that can help me recognize when I am arrogant?
7. What are practical examples of loving someone who acts arrogantly toward me?
8. How can I remain dependent on God and filled with love when I am around arrogant people?
9. If someone were to come to you saying, "I have a problem with arrogance. Would you please help me?" How would you try to help that person?
10. What is going on in us when we wrongly think that another person is arrogant?
11. What are some great cross-references? Psalm 101:5
12. What is some common language we use with regard to arrogance?

Below I am listing the other passages in the New Testament where this same Greek word is used. I hope these verses help you better understand arrogance.

Glen's response: The word literally means "puffed up." With regard to people the idea of being "puffed up" in the heart becomes what we call arrogance.

1 Corinthians 4:6 Now, brothers and sisters, I have applied these things to myself and Apollos for your benefit, so that you may learn from us the meaning of the saying, "Do not go beyond what is written." Then you will not be puffed up in being a follower of one of us over against the other.

Glen's response: This soul quality takes sides. It puts people against people. It makes comparisons in favor of one and to the detriment of another.

1 Corinthians 4:18-19 Some of you have become arrogant, as if I were not coming to you. But I will come to you very soon, if the Lord is willing, and then I will find out not only how these arrogant people are talking, but what power they have.

Glen's response: This quality tends to be a thing of talk and not of demonstrated power of one's being. (1 Corinthians 4:19)

1 Corinthians 5:2 And you are proud! Shouldn't you rather have gone into mourning and have put out of your fellowship the man who has been doing this?

Glen's response: This quality manifests itself as emotions that are inappropriate to the circumstances. For example, a person feels joy when those who are wise feel grief.

1 Corinthians 8:1 Now about food sacrificed to idols: We know that "We all possess knowledge." But knowledge puffs up while love builds up.

Glen's response: This quality manifests itself when people emphasize head knowledge at the expense of heart knowledge (knowledge that gets converted into acts and habits).

1 Corinthians 13:4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.

Glen's response: This quality is not motivated by concern for the well-being of others.