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## **“Lessons from Nebuchadnezzar” (7)**

*“Haughty eyes and a proud heart, the lamp of the wicked, are sin.” (Proverbs 21:4)*

### **Lesson #7: Those who walk in *pride*, God will Humble**

**Daniel 4:29-32** – (29) “At the end of twelve months he was walking on the roof of the royal palace of Babylon, (30) and the king answered and said, ‘*Is not this great Babylon, which I have built by my mighty power as a royal residence and for the glory of my majesty?*’ (31) While the words were still in the king’s mouth, there fell a voice from heaven, ‘O King Nebuchadnezzar, to you it is spoken: The kingdom has departed from you, (32) and you shall be driven from among men, and your dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field. And you shall be made to eat grass like an ox, and seven periods of time shall pass over you, until you know that the Most High rules the kingdom of men and gives it to whom he will.”

**Daniel 4:37** – “Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and extol and honor the King of heaven, for all his works are right and his ways are just; and those who walk in pride he is able to humble.”

### **Bad Case of the “I Wills”**

**Isaiah 14:13-14** – (13) “You said in your heart, ‘*I will* ascend to heaven; above the stars of God *I will* set my throne on high; *I will* sit on the mount of assembly in the far reaches of the north; (14) *I will* ascend above the heights of the clouds; *I will* make myself like the Most High.’”

**Luke 12:18-20** – (18) “And he said, ‘*I will* do this: *I will* tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there *I will* store all my grain and my goods. (19) And *I will* say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ (20) But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’”

**Judges 16:19-20** – (19) “She made him sleep on her knees. And she called a man and had him shave off the seven locks of his head. Then she began to torment him, and his strength left him. (20) And she said, ‘The Philistines are upon you, Samson! And he awoke from his sleep and said, ‘*I will* go out as at other times and shake myself free.’ But he did not know that the LORD had left him.”

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| <b>Key Point: The Path of Pride is paved with “I wills”</b> |
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## **Response:**

### **Turn 'I Wills' into 'Thy Wills'**

**Matthew 26:39** – “And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, ‘My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will.”

**James 4:13-16** – (13) “Come now, you who say, ‘Today or tomorrow *we will* go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit’ — (14) yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. (15) ***Instead*** you ought to say, ‘***If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that.***’ (16) As it is, you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil.”

### **Keep God at the Forefront of Your Mind**

**Psalms 10:4** – “In the pride of his face the wicked does not seek him; all his thoughts are, ‘There is no God.’”

## **Questions:**

What impacted me the most in this message?

Am I too quick to speak, act, or make decisions?

## **Past Lessons:**

**Lesson #1: Ease Breeds Disease** – 4/10/11

**Lesson #2: Revelation – Response = Rough Treatment** – 5/15/11

**Lesson #3: Replace Evil with Goodness** – 6/12/11

**Lesson #4: The Influential do not Fall Alone** – 6/19/11

**Lesson #5: Without God I'm a *Driven Beast*** – 6/26/11

**Lesson #6: God is the Most High/I am 'Most Low'** – 7/10/11\_\_

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)