

1	THRONE WARS4 THE BIRTH OF SELF AWARENESS
2	BEFORE THE FALL: GOD AWARENESS
	<p><i>To a prideful person, God made people with one curious flaw. We do not have the ability to directly see ourselves.</i></p> <p><i>He made us to be OUTWARD focused, NOT INWARD focused.</i></p> <p><i>Everything about the natural state of our consciousness was designed to be OUTWARD not INWARD.</i></p>
3	Genesis 2:7 (NLT) <p><i>Then the LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground. He breathed the breath of life into the man's nostrils, and the man became a living person.</i></p>

- *When Adam came online, his default operating system was very different from ours.*
- *His operating system and consciousness was God-Awareness.*
- *When Adam opened his eyes for the first time, he did not see himself. His first experience was outward seeing God.*
- *He was aware that he was alive, but he was not focused on himself. His focus was on God.*
- *Adam did not get his value or worth from self-evaluation. His value came from his vertical relationship with God, his Father and Creator.*
- *God was the source of his identity, stability, and direction.*
- *His awareness was vertical, rooted in God.*

4	BEFORE THE FALL: ASSIGNMENT AWARENESS
5	<p><i>Genesis 2:8, 15 (NLT)</i></p> <p><i>8 Then the LORD God planted a garden in Eden in the east, and there he placed the man he had made.</i></p> <p><i>15 The LORD God placed the man in the Garden of Eden to tend and watch over it.</i></p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Adam's consciousness was directed toward purpose, stewardship, and obedience.</i>• <i>Everyone in Heaven is God-Centered and Other-Aware.</i>• <i>Adam was given a purpose and an assignment before he was given a woman.</i>• <i>It is important that men are first aligned with God and operating in purpose BEFORE a woman comes into the picture.</i>• <i>Without Assignment Awareness there is no need for him to have a woman.</i>• <i>God gives him a woman to help with the assignment.</i>

6	BEFORE THE FALL: OTHER AWARENESS
7	<p>Genesis 2:18-23 (NLT)</p> <p>18 Then the LORD God said, "It is NOT GOOD for the MAN TO BE ALONE. I will make a HELPER who is JUST RIGHT FOR HIM."</p> <p>19 So the LORD God formed from the ground all the wild animals and all the birds of the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would call them, and the man chose a name for each one.</p> <p>20 He gave names to all the livestock, all the birds of the sky, and all the wild animals. But still there was no helper just right for him.</p>
8	<p>21 So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep. While the man slept, the LORD God took out one of the man's ribs and closed up the opening.</p> <p>22 Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib, and he brought her to the man.</p> <p>23 "At last!" the man exclaimed. "This one is bone from my bone, and flesh from my flesh! She will be called 'woman,' because she was taken from 'man.'"</p>

- Adam was not intimidated by the woman because he was not inward focused.
- He saw the woman as the **expansion** of his assignment.
- His assignment was to take the template of the Garden of Eden and expand it outward as they together were fruitful and multiplied and governed the Earth. (Gen. 1.26-28)
- **Leaders** who are **Other-Aware** create **stable environments** because they are not focused on protecting themselves or their territory and can focus attention on protecting and helping others.
- When we become Other-Aware we are not so pre-occupied with getting what we want. Instead we are focused on what God wants and on helping other believers.

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AFTER THE FALL: THE BIRTH OF SELF AWARENESS

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6 *The woman was convinced. She saw that the tree was beautiful and its fruit looked delicious, and she wanted the wisdom it would give her. So she took some of the fruit and ate it. Then she gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it, too.*
7 **At that moment their eyes were opened**, and they **suddenly felt shame** at their nakedness. So they sewed fig leaves together to **cover themselves**.

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8 *When the cool evening breezes were blowing, the man and his wife heard the LORD God walking about in the garden. So they hid from the LORD God among the trees.*
9 Then the LORD **God called to the man, "Where are you?"**
10 He replied, **"I heard you** walking in the garden, so **I hid. I was afraid** because **I was naked.**"

12	<p>11 "Who told you that you were naked?" the LORD God asked. "Have you eaten from the tree whose fruit I commanded you not to eat?"</p> <p>12 The man replied, "It was the woman you gave me who gave me the fruit, and I ate it."</p>
13	<p>Jeremiah 17:9 NLT</p> <p>The human heart is the most deceitful of all things, and desperately wicked. Who really knows how bad it is?</p>
	<p>When the human race fell, because we were in the loins Adam, our heart, the most powerful part of our being was corrupted.</p> <p>Prov. 4:23</p> <p>Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life.</p>

14 WHY PRIDE IS THE BLIND SPOT

PRIDE is a person's BLIND SPOT because it operates in the very faculty used to evaluate themselves. Pride does not stand outside the mind where it can be examined objectively; it sits on the throne of perception itself and becomes the lens through which a person interprets their motives, actions, and reactions. This means it does not feel like pride from the inside. It feels correct. Pride actively protects itself by convincing the person that their perspective is accurate, thus it hides in plain sight, undetected by the one carrying it.

15 DIFFERENT WAYS OVERT PRIDE MANIFESTS

1 | ARROGANCE. *A posture of superiority that openly looks down on others. This person believes they are more intelligent, more spiritual, or more capable.*

2 | BOASTING. *Openly promoting oneself, achievements, or abilities to gain admiration or establish superiority.*

3 | DOMINATION. *Using authority, strength, position, or personality to control, intimidate, or overpower others.*

4 | REBELLION. *Open resistance to authority, correction, or instruction.*

	<p>5 CONTEMPT. Looking down on others with disdain, disgust, or dismissiveness.</p>
<p>16</p>	<p>6 RECOGNITION. Craving public acknowledgment, titles, platforms, and praise.</p> <p>7 COMPETITION. Needing to win, outshine, or prove superiority over others.</p> <p>8 INTELLECTUALISM. Trusting one's own reasoning and intellectual prowess above God, Scripture or wise counsel.</p> <p>9 INDEPENDENCE. Refusing help because needing help feels like weakness.</p> <p>10 POWER. Loving authority, influence, or control more than responsibility and service.</p>
<p>17</p>	<p>DIFFERENT WAYS SUBTLE PRIDE MANIFESTS</p> <p>1 SELF-CONSCIOUSNESS. Constantly thinking about how one appears, sounds or is perceived.</p> <p>2 INSECURITY. Being overly concerned with one's weaknesses, flaws, or inadequacies.</p> <p>3 IMAGE MANAGEMENT. Carefully crafting how others perceive you. Living for perception rather than truth.</p> <p>4 OFFENSE. Easily Offended because self feels insulted, dishonored, or unrecognized.</p> <p>5 COMPARISON. Constantly measuring oneself against others - either superior or inferior.</p>

<p>18</p>	<p>6 PERFORMANCE. Finding identity in how well you perform spiritually, professionally, socially, etc.</p> <p>7 BEING THE VICTIM. Using wounds, pain, or past experiences as identity and justification.</p> <p>8 FALSE HUMILITY. Downplaying gifts or calling to appear humble, while still being self-focused.</p> <p>9 PASSIVITY. Refusing to act, lead, or engage to avoid risk of failure or exposure.</p> <p>10 CONTROL. Needing to control outcomes, narratives, situations, or people.</p>
<p>19</p>	<p>AFTER NEW BIRTH: THE RESTORATION OF GOD AWARENESS</p>
<p>20</p>	<p>Matthew 6:25-33 (NLT)</p> <p>25 <i>“That is why I tell you not to worry about everyday life—whether you have enough food and drink, or enough clothes to wear. Isn’t life more than food, and your body more than clothing?</i></p> <p>26 Look at the birds. <i>They don’t plant or harvest or store food in barns, for your heavenly Father feeds them. And aren’t you far more valuable to him than they are?</i></p>

21	<p>27 Can all your worries add a single moment to your life?</p> <p>28 “And why worry about your clothing? Look at the lilies of the field and how they grow. They don’t work or make their clothing,</p> <p>29 yet Solomon in all his glory was not dressed as beautifully as they are.</p> <p>30 And if God cares so wonderfully for wildflowers that are here today and thrown into the fire tomorrow, he will certainly care for you. Why do you have so little faith?</p>
22	<p>31 “So don’t worry about these things, saying, ‘What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?’</p> <p>32 These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs.</p> <p>33 Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.</p>

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Colossians 3:1-2 (NLT)

*1 Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the Realities of Heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God's right hand.
2 Think about the things of Heaven, not the things of Earth.*

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