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# **Landmines & Lies**

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May you be richly blessed as you “hear” as you read.

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We continue together our search for wisdom where the issue of pride is concerned. We determined six lessons back that we would search for a progressive unfolding of God's life in us beginning with the book of Proverbs. First, we sought God's perspective of self, taking a look at humility. Then, we sought His perspective of choice, looking at Christian self control; then, His perspective of discipline, looking at Christian responsibility. Lastly, we looked at His perspective of others, looking at how to give our lives away. But the core and crux of it all came to center around the foundational principle of humility and the basic attitude with which one views himself.

All other Christian qualities seem dependent on this one, so we determined to spend a little longer searching for the mind of Christ regarding, "The Perennial Problem of Pride." Pride is preoccupation with self. It manifests itself as self-exaltation (preoccupation with one's goodness) or self-condemnation (preoccupation with one's badness). Both call attention to self. (And self is dead!)

The Christ-controlled life is preoccupied only with doing the will of God, and with the continual realization that only Christ living His very life in us can do it. But He is living in us, and He will do the Father's will if we'll just let Him.

So of what have we to boast? It is Christ who dwells in us. (Romans 8:10; Galatians 2:20) He does the works. What right do we have to self-condemnation? Self is dead. And there is therefore how much condemnation to them who are in Christ Jesus?

There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus... (Romans 8:1a)

For I am (we are) crucified with Christ: nevertheless I (we) live; (Galatians 2:20)

But wait a minute. It's not us! Christ lives in us, and the life we live is simply a matter of faith, of trusting Him to live it minute by minute and day by day. Every evidence of pride, self-

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exaltation, or self-condemnation is but evidence of a roadblock to the spirit controlled, God-breathed Christian life.

So if we are to let God be God in us, we must deal with the Perennial Problem of Pride. First, we sought knowledge (what God thinks of pride), and we found that He hates it. We found that He resists the proud while giving His life to the humble. We found that He passed a divine law, the law of self-exaltation. It says that when a man exalts Himself, God's only alternative is to humble him. But when a man humbles himself, God's prescribed plan is to exalt him. We are specifically instructed to

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of  
God, that He may exalt you in due time: (Or in His time, if  
you please.) (I Peter 5:6)

So the issue of pride is no peripheral issue. It's a matter of spiritual life or spiritual death. Satan's basic characteristic is pride. He lives and breathes to deceive God's children into believing that self is alive and can coexist with Jesus Christ on the throne of life. He whispers subtly into our ears,

They need to look at me

Listen to me

Let me win

Give me mine

Give me praise.

In other words,

I deserve to be seen

I deserve to be heard

I deserve to win

I deserve my rights

I deserve recognition

I I I I I..

He begins by calling attention to the natural man, preoccupation with how we look, how smart we are, how talented we are, how strong we are, how successful we are. We looked for a week or so at his lies where natural pride was concerned. But the last time we got together we realized that Satan has an even more subtle form of pride. Spiritual pride is the preoccupation with what we can do for God or even what God can do for us, with the emphasis on the "us". We looked at 6 reflections of spiritual pride:

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Pride in our talents or gifts.

Pride in our methods or organizations.

Pride in our facilities or buildings.

Pride in our preachers or teachers or leaders.

Pride in our spiritual disciplines (how we pray, how we fast, how we grow)

Pride in our theology (our doctrinal superiority)

We saw that Satan takes good things in the spiritual realm and makes them the enemy of the best by giving them glory! Glory which only belongs to God!

### THE REASONS FOR SPIRITUAL PRIDE

There are landmines and lies that the father of lies uses to deceive the children of God. There are nine ways Satan trips up the Christian and causes pride to surface in robes of spirituality. We've called it "Landmines and Lies" because the Christian, engaged in the pursuit of II Corinthians 3:18, honestly desiring to grow in ever increasing splendor from one degree of glory to another simply does not see these hidden landmines covered over with spiritual intentions, camouflaged as spiritual privileges. We step on them because we exercise no caution in our walk in the area of spiritual pride. Behind or beneath each landmine there is a lie from the father of lies, a lie Satan wants us to believe.

Landmines and lies are from the father of lies. We'll eventually look at nine. We looked at one two weeks ago. We have eight to go. We'll cover three more in this lesson.

#### Landmine 1 - The Landmine of Early Exaltation

The Lie: "We need your talent in the kingdom."

#### Landmine 2 - The Landmine of An Unbroken Will

(II Kings 5:14, Proverbs 3:5-8; Isaiah 5:21; Proverbs 30:12, Exodus 5:2)

The Lie: "Lord, here's the way we'll do it. Do it my way."

#### Landmine 3 - The Landmine of Presumption

(Matthew 15:21-27; II Corinthians 12:1-9)

The Lie: "Lord I deserve it; by faith I claim it."

#### Landmine 4 - The Landmine of Knowledge

(I Corinthians 5:3-7, Gal. 6:3, Proverbs 30:12, John 9:41, I Corinthians 10:12, Proverbs 28:26)

The Lie: "Lord, now that I'm spiritual..."

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### Landmine 5 - The Landmine of Acceptance

(II Corinthians 10:17-18; Luke 16:15)

The Lie: "Lord, they love me at church."

### Landmine 6 - The Landmine of Comparison

(Mark 9:33-35; Luke 22:21-27; Mark 12:38-39; John 5:44, Proverbs 25:27)

The Lie: "Lord, compared to them..."

### Landmine 7 - The Landmine of a Closed Mind

(Proverbs 12:15)

The Lie: "Lord, I'll handle this myself."

### Landmine 8 - The Landmine of Circumstantial Peace

(Ezekiel 16:49, Matthew 5:38-42, Luke 6:29)

The Lie: "Lord, you're blessing me so, I have no problems."

### Landmine 9 - The Landmine of Success

(Deuteronomy 9:4, 5; I Samuel 15:17, Revelations 3:17; Psalm 10:5, Psalm 73, Psalm 12:4, Psalm 49:11, I Corinthians 9:15-16, II Chronicles 26:16; II Chronicles 32:23-25)

The Lie: "Now that we've arrived."

Landmine 1- "The Landmine of Early Exaltation," we looked at in a previous lesson. Satan's lie is, "Lord you need my talent." Satan's objective is to take young Christians or struggling Christians and because of their talents, their zeal, or their aggressiveness, place them in positions of leadership or high visibility in the local church or in a Christian ministry. Paul said, "Don't do that!" Pride might enter in and cause both him and others to stumble. You exalt Norman Newborn, and you leave God no choice but to humble him. Remember, the key to any position of leadership in the church of Jesus Christ is character, not talent. Look at God's checklist of qualifications for deacons. They must be faithful, moderate, consistent, content, wholehearted, faithful husbands, faithful fathers, tested in lesser positions to insure their humility and dependability. Character! Tested character! You say, but those were deacons. But what was their function to be? To wait tables. To do the menial tasks to free the elders to do their work. But the man qualified to wait tables officially in the office of church leadership had to have tested character. Satan doesn't want that, so he sets a landmine called early exaltation. He uses the world's criteria and whispers

talent first, experience second, character third. The church buys the lie, and everybody suffers because the end result is the perennial problem of spiritual pride.

Landmine 2- The Landmine of an Unbroken Will, is a will that has only partially yielded to the Lordship of Christ and has agreed to serve the Lord... with restrictions, to let Him be Lord on our terms. My friend, that is not Lordship; that's spiritual bribery. That's the creature dictating the terms to the Creator. Lord, change my life this way. Lord, give me a ministry if it's this ministry. Lord, whatever it takes...except. The landmine is accepting an unbroken will. The lie is, "Lord, heal me, change me. Here's the way I want you to do it."

In II Kings, chapter 5, we read a story about the Commander-in-Chief of the Syrian army, a man named Naaman. He was a hero, a military genius, a favorite of the Syrian King; but he was a leper. No one knew quite what to do with a leper. But Naaman's wife had a maid, a young Jewish girl who had been taken captive on a Syrian invasion of Israel, and this servant girl one day humbly suggested that General Naaman take a few days off, journey to Samaria, visit God's prophet, and let the God of eternity heal his leprosy. Naaman was desperate enough to listen. So, armed with a letter explaining his impeccable credentials, about \$80,000 worth of gold and silver and ten new Syrian Seersucker suits, he appears before the King of Israel. But Israel's ruling royalty has a pity party, thinking it's a trick to set up another invasion and cries out, "Who do they think I am, God?" But alas, Elisha heard about it and sent a message, saying, "Send Naaman to me."

Verse 9 says that Naaman and his elegant entourage headed for Elisha's house, gold, silver, suits, and pride still intact. And like a visiting head of state, he arrived with all the fanfare of a Super Bowl Sunday. You can just sense the excitement as Naaman waits in his chariot for the red carpet from God. But nothing happens. Instead, Elisha sends a messenger outside with a note for Naaman. It simply said this:

*Dear Naaman:*

*Go wash yourself in the Jordan River seven times, and you will be healed.*

*Sincerely,*

*Elisha, God's Prophet.*

Now don't laugh too hard at the scenario that follows. You might want to think back at your own attitude towards God's way of doing things. This was what happened. The arrogant five-star general threw a temper tantrum. His logic was this. Does he know who I am? Does he know what we've done? Does he know how far I've come? Does he know how much I have to give him? The least he could do, Naaman ranted, was to come outside and greet me, wave his hand over me, and heal me instantly in a manner of dignity and honor. And the Jordan River? We've got rivers at home that make the Jordan look like a dried up creek. If all I need is a bath, I can take baths at home. I bathe once a month whether I need it or not.

So Naaman leaves in a rage, ready to head back to Syria, cursing God's prophet and no doubt ready to give his Jewish maid a piece of his mind for suggesting the unsympathetic Dr. Elisha as a leprosy specialist. What was the problem? It was the perennial problem of pride. Elisha could have rolled out the red carpet, given Naaman the dignitary treatment (the way churches sometimes do when someone of note comes to Christ today). He could have been both dramatic and dignified. But that's not what Naaman needed. Naaman not only needed to be healed of his leprosy, he needed to know the power of the God of Israel; and he needed to humble himself to do it. Naaman had some strikes against him:

1) He thought he was somebody special. He didn't know God is not impressed with human titles.

2) He thought he had God in a corner. If God didn't heal him, he'd bring in his army and spank Israel again. He didn't know God is not impressed with human power. All God had to do was wink his eye and Syria would disappear from the face of the earth.

3) He brought lots of gold and silver and even ten Hart, Shaffner & Marx Bros. suits. With that kind of big time offering, he ought to at least get a seat on the front row. He didn't know God didn't need his silver or his gold. That silver and gold was God's before Naaman ever laid eyes on it. The cattle on a thousand hills were His and every grain of gold in every country in the world was His.

God was not impressed with who he was, what he'd done, or what he had to give. God was simply going to heal him because



he needed healing, but God knew he had to be humbled before he could be healed. So He gave him a choice, humble yourself and do it My way and be healed, or demand that I do it your way, and die a leper.

Now the story has an interesting ending. We'll only take it a few verses further this morning. His officers calmed him down and argued with him. If the prophet had asked you to do some mighty deed to be healed, wouldn't you have done it? All he's asking you to do is take seven baths in the Jordan. Why not do it? So Naaman did it God's way and verse 14 says his flesh became as healthy as a baby's. Now the moral to the story isn't to take seven baths a year in the Jordan River. The moral is this. When you come to God to be healed physically, emotionally, or spiritually, you come prepared for God to do it His way. You come with no strings attached. You don't give God the prescription and ask Him to fill it. He's not your pharmacist, He's the great Physician. He prescribes the cures, and God's cures are always different. He just doesn't do things our way for two reasons:

1) He wants all the glory.

2) He wants to humble us in the process. Proverbs 3:5-7 gives us the progression.

“Trust in the Lord with all thine heart.” – *The Principle*

“Lean not unto thine own understanding.” – *The Warning*

“In all thy ways acknowledge Him.” – *The Key*

“And He shall direct thy paths.” – *The Promise*

“Be not wise in thine own eyes.” – *The Issue*

Letting God do it His way means abandonment to your plans, your limitations, your worldly way of solving life's problems. You just acknowledge Him, honor Him, and trust Him with every facet of your life, and He'll take over the steering wheel of your life and direct your paths. But to do it you cannot be wise in your own eyes. You can't come to God like Naaman, bringing your impeccable reputation and offering God something you think He needs. Instead, you must humble yourself and just let Him be God. Let Him do whatever He wants, whenever He wants, however He wants to do it.

Maybe He's not going to heal you. Maybe He wants to reveal His grace through you instead. That's His privilege. He's God.

Maybe you've prayed for a ministry of greatness, and He's given you feet to wash, hospitals to visit, children to love. That's greatness to God. That's how His Son spent His life when His Son lived His life on earth.

Maybe you've asked God to change you into His image, to make you like His Son, and now the sky has fallen. You've been rejected by loved ones, unappreciated by those you minister to. You've found no acclaim, no numbers. You've suffered a lot, and it never seems to end.

Now you're complaining. You say, "No, Lord, do it my way." But God answers, "You wanted to be like My Son. I'm letting you enter into His life so you can one day share His glory. He was rejected by those He loved, unappreciated by those He ministered to, He found no earthly acclaim. He had twelve followers; one betrayed Him, one cursed Him and denied he'd ever known Him, and the other ten ran for their lives when knowing Him meant danger."

Suffer? No one has ever suffered like Jesus. Do you want to be like Him? God says, then you must live like Him. That's when the Naaman comes out in us. We didn't expect to be humiliated. We thought God would bypass the Jordan River and just wave His magic wand and make us mature.

Oh, Beloved, we've listened to the lie of the enemy to do it our way. There is only one way, and that's God's way. There is a way that seems right to us, but it runs into a dead end street. It's pride, spiritual pride. We want God's life on our terms. We need to read the catalog again. He never offered those terms. We simply haven't broken our wills yet. It's a subtle landmine; but if we step on it, we may have to lie around in the infirmary for a while before we can get back into the battle. We need to stop trying to interfere with what God's trying to do in our lives and with our lives and begin to get as excited over the process as we do the promises. But to do that, we've got to deal with the perennial problem of spiritual pride.

Landmine 3- The Landmine of Presumption. The third landmine is dressed up much like the first two, but there are subtleties about it that peculiar only to it. It's the landmine of presumption. It begins to fashion an attitude in the presence of God that becomes increasingly self-deserving. It begins with grace, but given a few answered prayers and a little television

style “faith” philosophy, it begins to view God as a magic genie and “faith” simply means rubbing God the right way to get what you want. There are those who call it first century faith. I believe God calls it 21st century presumption. Suppose you bypass landmines one and two, and God begins to do things in your life His way. Things begin to happen, spiritually. Satan’s subtle lie to trap us now is, “God, do this, I claim it by faith.” My friend, remember, faith is not telling God what to do. Faith is believing that whatever God does is best, and whether or not we see it, He’s doing it. God said, “Abraham, leave your family, leave your country, leave your comfort, and follow me. I’ll make your seed like the sand on the seashore.” Abraham believed God, and it was imparted unto him for righteousness. Abraham didn’t choose the country, name the terms, or limit the provisions. He didn’t demand a child in ten years or else. He just believed God. That’s faith. Faith isn’t playing “Simon Says” with God.

How do you approach God? Do you approach Him with greater humility than you did a year ago? If you know Him better you will. You look at the difference between how Job approached God at the first of his testing time and at the last. This is serious business. How presumptuously we approach God may well determine how freely the character of God flows through our lives. We can demand things of God, and God may give us the things we demand. But we may miss what He really wants to give us which is His mind and His life. To get that, we must come in utter, total humility of spirit. We must come to Him as the Canaanite woman came in Matthew 15, utterly believing, utterly unworthy. Jesus had just rebuked the Scribes and the Pharisees for making religion a thing of tradition, for going through the motions of being clean with a dirty heart. The heart is where it’s at, Jesus concluded. Out of the heart proceeds evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, etc. These are what defiles a man, not whether or not he has washed his hands. Jesus was looking for a right heart attitude, but all he was getting from those who pretended to be spiritual was a religious sideshow.

So he left and went to the coasts of Tyre and Sidon. There a Canaanite woman, a Gentile, came and fell at his feet and cried, “Oh, have mercy on me, O Lord, thou son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil.” It took a lot of nerve for her to come to Jesus. She was a Gentile, but she came in absolute humility. She knew she owned no license to miracles. She knew

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she deserved absolutely nothing, but if what she had heard about this man Jesus was true, it was not what she deserved that mattered. It was His unbelievable love that mattered.

Notice, she wasn't asking for herself. She was praying for her daughter. Satan had gained control of her daughter, and she was helpless to do anything about it. It was a spiritual matter, and if anything was to be done, Jesus would have to do it.

Notice her relationship. She was nothing. He was everything. She had no answers; she only had a need. She did not ask for what was hers. She asked for mercy. Now notice Jesus' first response.

But He answered her not a word. (Matthew 15:23)

*Test 1-* That's often God's first response. It's a test. If you really believe Him, you won't budge. If a few minutes of silence consumes all your faith, you really didn't have enough faith to make a difference. Jesus said nothing. He was testing her faith, and he was testing the compassion of His sensitive saints.

...And His disciples came and besought Him saying, "Send her away, for she crieth after us." (Matthew 15:23)

...“Tell her to get going,” they said, “for she is bothering us with all her begging.” (Matthew 15:23 TLB)

She's not our kind and she keeps pestering us with her pleas for help. She's interrupting our services, Lord, how can we minister with all her weeping? Send her away, Lord. She's only a Gentile.

But He answered and said, "I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel." (Matthew 15:24)

*Test 2-* Jesus looks at her now and says,

“Woman, you're not a Jew.”

I was sent to help the Jews. Jesus removes the last ounce of hope she has of deserving to be helped. I think that would have finished me off. I mean, if Jesus didn't count me worthy of being helped, then I'd probably have said, I'll go someplace where I'm appreciated. Not so with her. (paraphrase)

Then came she and worshiped Him saying, “Lord, help me!” (Matthew 15:25)

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### Test 3-

But He answered and said, It is not meet (right) to take the children's bread, and cast it to dogs. (Matthew 15:26)

Jesus had just pulled the last rung off her ladder of self worth. From God's perspective she didn't deserve to be helped. She didn't argue the point. She didn't leave in a huff. She looked lovingly, honestly in the face of God and said,

Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table. (Matthew 15:27)

"Lord," she answered, "you're right; I don't deserve to be helped. But Lord, just in case you have any love left over, any undeserved love, any grace, if you will, I'll wait patiently and just try to catch the crumbs. They'll be good enough for me." (paraphrase)

Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour. (Matthew 15:28)

I'm going to be honest with you. I'm not sure I even grasp how to pray as well as I did when I was a young Christian. Oh, I understand the principles better. I have a handle on the promises better, but my attitude, my heart attitude...somehow I think that since God has granted me certain blessings and even given me certain ministries, He has some kind of an obligation to snap to attention when He hears my voice. I don't think I approach God with as much humility today as I did ten years ago. It ought to be just the opposite. Do any of you understand what I mean? Can you relate? Could we, in all our quest to be intimately related to Jesus Christ, have forgotten who He is? Have we lost a touch of our understanding of the word "grace"? Have we stepped on a landmine labeled "presumption" and not even known it? Oh, to have the faith of that Canaanite woman, utterly persistent, but totally humble, never wavering in her confidence that God could do it, but never for a moment laboring under the misconception that He owed it to her.

Oh, dear God, help us never to confuse faith with presumption, never to demand grace as though grace was something payable on demand. God, help us rather to humble ourselves every time we hear the name "Jesus." May we with anxious expectancy be grateful for the crumbs that fall from the master's table. God, deal with our arrogance. Deal with our subtle spiritual self

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righteousness that tells You how to run heaven and how to run our lives as well, and then rushes into Your presence with a list of demands as though You owed us whatever we wanted when You've already given us everything we need. May we rather learn to fall at Your feet as the Canaanite woman did, Lord, and worship You and simply cry, "Lord, help me." We don't deserve it, but that's not the issue. We simply ask for mercy. I realize He's our friend, but that doesn't make us equals. This "friend" of ours just happens to have spoken the worlds into being. This "friend" just happens to hold the universes in place by the breath of His power. All He would have to do is sigh in unconcern, and all of life as we know it would cease to be. Dare we instruct Him?

I fear some of our spiritual pride is reflected in and affected by modern Christian music. Listen to the words of so many of today's songs. They create a "God is my buddy" atmosphere. He is our friend, make no mistake about it. He is our best friend.

Greater love hath no man that this; that he would lay down  
his life for a friend. (John 15:13)

But God commendeth his love toward us in that while we  
were yet sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:8)

Friend, yes, but the emphasis in that verse is not friendship, but on grace. Oh, that we might bypass the Landmine of Presumption. If we fall for that lie, we could miss the power and the joy of knowing progressively the majesty of God.

Landmine 4- Landmine of Spiritual Knowledge. We only have time to touch on one more in this lesson. It's the Landmine of Spiritual Knowledge. It implies that more information equals more maturity. You just learn enough doctrine, enough facts about the Bible, and you'll have a better handle on life than those poor, less fortunate souls who don't go to your kind of "teaching" church or attend your kind of study group or listen to your kind of tapes or broadcasts. Please don't get me wrong. It is the Word and only the Word that changes your life. Paul said in I Corinthians 8:1 that mere knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. So He goes on in verse two to say,

So if a man thinks he knows something and that knowledge  
makes him important then he still really doesn't 'know'  
anything at all. (I Corinthians 8:2 paraphrase)

*Verse 1-* On this question (eating food sacrificed to idols) everyone feels that only his answer is the right one. Although

being “a know it all” makes us feel important, what is really needed to build the church is love.

*Verse 2-* If anyone thinks he knows all the answers, he is just showing his ignorance.

*Verse 3-* The person who truly loves God is the one who is (still) open to God’s knowledge.”

In other words, knowledge fills your head, understanding fills your heart, but only wisdom changes your life. The world isn’t looking for any more self-appointed theological “know it alls”. The world is looking for the love of God. When what we know is tangibly translated into His life living in us, only then does our knowledge become relevant. In Galatians 6:1-3, Paul gives us a perfect illustration. He says, if a man is overtaken in a fault, you who claim to be spiritual restore him. Lead him to a spirit of repentance; but do it in humility. You could be next, you know.

Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself. (Galatians 6:2,3)

In others words, it’s no big thing to be so theologically sound you can condemn everybody else, if you’re not so spiritually humble, you can help everybody else back on their feet you haven’t arrived. The issue is not how many brothers can we condemn, the issue is how many brothers can we help. So if your knowledge makes you too good for that, too clean for that, your knowledge has not made you mature. It has made you an arrogant hypocrite. And God doesn’t need any more of those. He’s had enough Pharisees to last for eternity.

Your newfound knowledge does not automatically make you wise. It does automatically make you accountable. So stay in the Word. Keep on pouring it into your life. But look out for the Landmine of Spiritual Superiority, the lie that says, “Now that I’ve arrived, now that I know the answers.” It is a peril to all Christians, especially to young Christians who gain a great deal of knowledge before they take the time to apply the knowledge they have. Knowledge is a tool to spiritual growth, but it, in and of itself, is not growth. It’s a means to an end.

Let it be an end in itself, and you may end for yourself your practical spiritual usability. Remember, men may be impressed by what you know, but they will only be changed by who Jesus is and most important by who He is in you.

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Do you see how subtle Satan is? Do you see how his landmines and lies creep into our lives in the very areas of our spiritual strengths and cause us to become spiritually proud?

- To seek exaltation before we are ready?
- To limit God to our terms of growth?
- To approach God as though He owed us what we want?
- To grow in knowledge and become proud of the knowledge instead of humbled by what we should become.

They are so subtle. Like landmines, we don't see them until they've done their damage. Unless that is, we humble ourselves and watch where we're walking and while we're walking quietly ask God to sensitize us to the Perennial Problem of Spiritual Pride.

### LANDMINES AND LIES

With landmines and lies, the enemy tries  
To threaten our spiritual walk.  
Well hidden are they, so hidden they stay  
Submerged by our spiritual talk.

But like dreaded disease, they can, if you please,  
Make deadly the path that we trod,  
For though everyone knows, they wear spiritual clothes  
They make havoc of our walk with God.

Yes, with landmines and lies the enemy tries  
To see that we stumble and fall.  
He injects us inside with spiritual pride  
Till we have no perspective at all.

So just watch where you're walking, and watch how  
you're talking  
Lest pride enter into your story.  
Just stay humble in heart, that, you see, is our part,  
Then, God receives ALL of the glory!

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