

Would Father Ever Refer To Pride Positively?

Actually, YES!

Recently, our King used the word ‘proud’ in a prophetic message he gave me about a certain group of sons in Australia. He said: “I am proud of these.”

This might sound “off” because of legalistic bias, and the word I received could very well be labelled as a ‘false’ word. What do I mean?

If the Bible is the source of all doctrine and knowledge, then pride is a ‘dirty word’. It’s evil. It’s what caused Satan to ‘fall’. The teaching, therefore, is that God hates it, and, it causes a person to come under his judgement.

So, why would he use the word ‘proud’ if it’s an anathema to him?

How can he feel pride if it’s evil?

The reason is that when he talks to us in intimacy, he doesn’t use biblical terms and Bible-speak all the time. Instead, he talks to us like a person, at our level in our culture. He uses our terms, including our colloquial expressions and he does so at our level of language proficiency. That’s because we’re in his family and our familiarity with each other permits that to happen. It’s normal and natural in a family.

You see, ‘pride’ has a variety of meanings in English – 11 actually. ‘Proud’ has 8 meanings.

One of the meanings of ‘proud’ is:

- Feeling honoured (by something); feeling happy or satisfied about an event or fact; gratified.¹

For example:

1. “I’m proud of my wife’s achievements”
2. “Finishing the upgrade that I did to the house makes me feel proud”
3. “Milly is house-proud”
4. “Jim takes pride in his work”

This particular meaning of ‘proud’ conveys a sense of accomplishment – i.e. ‘job well done’. This has nothing to do with arrogance, haughtiness, conceit, superciliousness, or any other negative attribute.

The instance of ‘proud’ in the message he gave to me is not an isolated case.

A trusted member of our King’s Counsel sent a prophetic word from Father to us to pass on to someone we know. In it, Father told the person: “Be proud that you’re very specially created by me, and I have appointed you for a very special and unique task on Earth...”

How can he tell someone to feel proud if it’s evil?

Paul inferred as much himself. He wrote in KJV English, “I magnify my ministry”². The word he uses here is *doxazō* (δοξάζω) which includes the following meanings:³

- to praise, extol, magnify, celebrate

1 – en.wiktionary.org/wiki/proud

2 – Romans 11:13

3 – www.bibletools.org/index.cfm/fuseaction/Lexicon.show/ID/G1392/doxazo.htm

- to honour, do honour to, hold in honour
- to make glorious, adorn with lustre, clothe with splendour
- to impart glory to something, render it excellent
- to make renowned, render illustrious
- to cause the dignity and worth of some person or thing to become manifest and acknowledged

One of the meanings of ‘proud’ in English (i.e. our culture) is: “Possessed of a due sense of what one deserves or is worth”. This is the same sense as *doxazō*. That’s why Paul’s expression can be translated:

- » I bring honor to my ministry⁴
- » I glory in my ministry⁵
- » I take pride in my ministry⁶

Paul also wrote this, according to the NIV translation:

- We...are giving you an opportunity to take **pride** in us⁷
- I take great **pride** in you⁸
- the reason for our **pride** in you⁹
- Each one should test their own actions. Then they can take **pride** in themselves alone, without comparing themselves to someone else.¹⁰

James also wrote this, according to the NIV translation:

- Believers in humble circumstances ought to take **pride** in their high position.¹¹
- But the rich should take **pride** in their humiliation¹²

Can you see how religion and legalism ties you in knots so you can’t accept spiritual reality. They chain you to the understanding of men rather than the genuine reality of the Kingdom.

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(Readers will need to look up for themselves any scriptures alluded to in this document)

4 – Romans 11:13 in the Names of God Bible

5 – Romans 11:13 in the New American Bible (Revised Edition)

6 – Romans 11:13 in the NIV

7 – 2 Corinthians 5:12

8 – 2 Corinthians 7:4

9 – 2 Corinthians 8:24

10 – Galatians 6:4

11 – James 1:9

12 – James 1:10