

# THE EGO IN OUR MOUTHS

## Boasting, Flattery, and Exaggeration

### Psalm 12

Psalm 12:1-8, “<sup>1</sup>Help, LORD, for the godly man ceases! For the faithful disappear from among the sons of men. <sup>2</sup>They speaking idly everyone with his neighbor; With flattering lips and a double heart they speak. <sup>3</sup>May the LORD cut off all flattering lips, And the tongue that speaks proud things, <sup>4</sup>Who have said, “With our tongue we will prevail; Our lips are our own; Who is lord over us?” <sup>5</sup>“For the oppression of the poor, for the sighing of the needy, Now I will arise,” says the LORD; “I will set *him* in the safety for which he yearns.” <sup>6</sup>The words of the LORD *are* pure words, *Like* silver tried in a furnace of earth, Purified seven times. <sup>7</sup>You shall keep them, O LORD, You shall preserve them from this generation forever. <sup>8</sup>The wicked prowl on every side, When vileness is exalted among the sons of men.”

Ephesians 5:18 says, “<sup>18</sup>And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit.”

Colossians 3:16, “<sup>16</sup>Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.”

KJV Psalm 12:2 They speaking vanity every one with his neighbor: *with* flattering lips *and* with a double heart do they speak.

NAS Psalm 12:2 They speaking falsehood to one another; With flattering lips and with a double heart they speak.

NIV Psalm 12:2 Everyone lies to his neighbor; their flattering lips speak with deception.

NJB Psalm 12:2 Friend tells lies to friend, and, smooth-tongued, speaks from an insincere heart.

NLT Psalm 12:2 Neighbors lie to each other, speaking with flattering lips and insincere hearts.

Let's look at three descriptions of those who boast.

**A.** A boaster is an **inflated zero**

Philippians 2:3, “Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.”

KJV Philippians 2:3 *Let* nothing *be done* through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.

NLT Philippians 2:3 Don't be selfish; don't live to make a good impression on others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourself.

NIV Philippians 2:3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves.

Someone has said that *Self ambition and Vain conceit is the glorification of emptiness—the promotion of our “zeroness.”*

Galatians 2:20, "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."

**B.** A boaster is a **wandering quack**

James 4:16, "But now you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil."

**C.** A boaster is an **Embezzler of God's Glory**

I Corinthians 6:19-20, "<sup>19</sup>Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit *who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?* <sup>20</sup>For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's"

Psalms 106:33, "Because they rebelled against His Spirit, So that he spoke rashly with his lips."

NLT Psalm 106:33 They made Moses angry, and he spoke foolishly.

Acts 12:21-23 says, "<sup>21</sup>So on a set day Herod, arrayed in royal apparel, sat on his throne and gave an oration to them. <sup>22</sup>And the people kept shouting, "The voice of a god and not of a man!" <sup>23</sup>Then immediately an angel of the Lord struck him, because he did not give glory to God. And he was eaten by worms and died. <sup>24</sup>But the word of God grew and multiplied."

Ephesians 2:8-9, "<sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is the gift of God,* <sup>9</sup>not of works, lest anyone should boast."

Psalms 34:1-3, "<sup>1</sup>I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise *shall continually be in my mouth.* <sup>2</sup>My soul shall make its boast in the LORD; The humble shall hear *of it* and be glad. <sup>3</sup>Oh, magnify the LORD with me, And let us exalt His name together."

Psalms 5:9, "For *there is no faithfulness in their mouth; Their inward part is destruction; Their throat is an open tomb; They flatter with their tongue.*"

Proverbs 29:5 says. "A man who flatters his neighbor spreads a net for his feet."

NLT Proverbs 29:5 To flatter people is to lay a trap for their feet.

Someone once said, "I don't exaggerate—I just stretch the truth."

Someone else once said, "Don't never let the truth get in the way of a good story"

Psalms 19:14, "Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart Be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my strength and my Redeemer."

NLT Psalm 19:14 May the words of my mouth and the thoughts of my heart be pleasing to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.