

Introduction

Before we can continue, I feel as if I need to address two important and recurring facets related to being a “god”. Leadership and pride. Everyone needs to be led, therefore everyone needs a leader. Henceforth, everyone seeks for their “god”. Good or bad, we all have people in our lives who bear influence upon the decisions which craft our reality. At times, we may all seek the advice and direction of others. Whether influence is solicited or not, other people in our lives as well as our environment itself can persistently influence our patterns, habits and decisions, and thusly; impact our circumstances. As we all possess an inherent desire to be led, leaders possess the need-to-lead. When attaining leadership roles, leaders should remain cognizant of the fact that leading is not spoon-feeding. While the latter may serve a necessary purpose for a time, it will become counterproductive and enable negative reliance, while completely undermining the

development of skills necessary for autonomy. One of our greatest “god” obligations is that of equipping others to become ethical, reliable and independently functioning problem solvers. Of course, leaders will always have to provide some degree of direction, yet clear boundaries are required in order to avoid personal regression and promote the overall developmental process.

Pride as it pertains to my opinions can be viewed in two ways: the positive type of pride and the negative type of pride. Oftentimes pride can “flip-flop” the median and become confused in its role in leadership. The positive type of pride is a picture of someone who is open to input, is meticulous, detail oriented, and takes great satisfaction in their endeavors; one who wishes to accomplish a goal for the greater good, while building a team, family or organization for the better. This type of pride takes joy in completing a work that affects themselves and others in promoting positive progress or change, yet requires little praise. The negative type of pride encompasses one who remains isolated and shuts others out from providing input. Negative pride can be driven by spite and becomes reckless in seeking a means to an end at any cost. This negative pride is more concerned with quantity rather

than quality, is driven by selfish motives, and drives recklessly down the quickest route to the destination, regardless of what important factors are left unaddressed or who gets hurt in the process. This type of pride urgently engages in self-promotion, accepts recognition immediately, and flamboyantly boasts of their accomplishments. So, we need to remember where our pride lies as “gods”. You do not want your motives to possess qualities from both the negative and positive facets, as it will become convoluted and may prove to be just as destructive as a pride which operates purely in the negative. With pride, you have to remain on the correct side of the fence or eventually suffer the consequences of no one wanting to interact with you at all. In its purest operational form, positive pride is easily identifiable as a diamond amongst dirt.