

C. Scripture warns against pulling the pin of the grenade.

Proverbs 11:2 When arrogance comes, then comes dishonor; but with the humble is wisdom.

Proverbs 16:18 Arrogance precedes destruction, and before a fall there is a lifestyle of arrogance [**psychological living**].

Proverbs 29:23 A person's arrogance will bring him low, but a lifestyle of humility will attain honor."

The real issue is not your ability, but your lifestyle of humility. Humility is teachability. One phrase of Psalm 59:12b describes the fragmented life: "... let them be caught in their arrogance."

James 4:6 God gives greater grace. This is why the Scripture says in Proverbs 3:34, "God makes war against the arrogant [**believer**], but He gives grace to the humble [**believer**]."

God makes war on any arrogant believers who are in Satan's army, the devil's disciples.

1 Peter 5:5 In the same way, comparative novices, be under the authority of the pastors. All of you in the congregation, fasten yourselves to each other with humility [**grace thinking**], because GOD MAKES WAR AGAINST THE ARROGANT, BUT HE GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE.'

v. 6 Therefore, humble yourselves [**become grace oriented**] under the powerful hand of God, that He may promote you at the proper time."

- a. You humble yourself under the powerful hand of God by using the problem-solving devices. The one in view here is grace orientation.
- b. If God does not promote you, you are not promoted. You can be successful and yet have a fragmented life. The only way you can be promoted within the limitations of your capacity is when God promotes you.
- c. God promotes prepared people.
- d. God promotes the humble or the grace-oriented individual.
- e. God provides hearers for prepared pastors.



Romans 12:3 For I say through the grace which has been given to me to everyone who is among you: Stop thinking of self in terms of arrogance, beyond what you ought to think, but think in terms of sanity for the purpose of being rational without illusion, as God has assigned to each one of us a standard of thinking from doctrine.

James 3:14 But if you have bitter jealousy and inordinate ambition in your right lobe, stop being arrogant and stop lying against the truth.

v. 15 This pseudo-wisdom is not that which comes down from above, but is earthly [fragmented], natural [human and psychological viewpoint only], demonic [demon influence].

v. 16 For where jealousy and inordinate ambition exist, there is dishonor and every evil deed.”

- f. Bitter jealousy and inordinate ambition pulls the pin of the grenade.
 - g. Pseudo-wisdom is fragmented living resulting in intellectual arrogance or false doctrine.
 - h. No one can function, e.g., like a pastor-teacher, while fragmented through his own arrogance.
1. New converts often fall into the fragmented life. Therefore, 1 Timothy 3:3, 6 lists some of the fragments of the life:

1 Timothy 3:4 He must be one who manages his own household well, keeping his children under control with all dignity ...

v. 6 ... and not a new convert, so that he will not become conceited and fall into the condemnation incurred by the devil.

The teaching of doctrine is required to rectify such a situation:

Proverbs 13:10 Through arrogance comes nothing but strife, but wisdom is with those who receive instruction.

2. The fragmented life is described in:

Psalms 59:12b Let them be caught in their arrogance.”

3. Bitterness is one of the ways to pull the pin of the grenade, and it involves hurting others as well. Bitterness is a pin in the grenade that is often pulled where grace orientation is lacking:



Hebrews 12:15 See to it that no one falls short of the grace of God, that no root of bitterness springs up and causes you trouble, and by it [**the fragmented life**] many are defiled.

- a. One fragmented person causes reaction from others, and they in turn become fragmented.
 - b. Bitterness goes hand in hand with unrealistic expectation: not being treated the way you want to be treated; not being loved the way you want to be loved; and not being respected the way you want to be respected.
 - c. So, you may become antagonistic toward them, or bitter, hateful, or implacable.
 - d. Whatever your reaction, you have fragmented your own life, and only God can cause you to recover through the use of the rebound technique.
4. Bitterness is related to other pins in the grenade, as in:

Ephesians 4:31 Let all bitterness, both anger [**emotional sin**] and wrath [**mental attitude sin**], both quarreling and slander [**verbal sins**] must be removed from you, along with all malice.

Malice here means two things:

- a. Malice is the desire and the motivation of the fragmented believer to inflict suffering and injury on others.
- b. Malice is motivated by jealousy, hatred, bitterness, vindictiveness, implacability, self-pity, and revenge modus operandi.

D. The Tragedy of the Fragmented Life.

1. The fragments of the grenade include all functions related to grieving the Holy Spirit or life in cosmic one.
2. All the fragments of the grenade result in various stages of retrogression in the spiritual life, i.e., reversionism, in which the later stages, emotional revolt of the soul, blackout of the soul, scar tissue of the soul, and reverse process reversionism, exacerbate the drive toward degeneracy.
3. The majority of Christians today have the tragic flaw of the fragmented life. Since we are ambassadors for Christ, people look at us with a tragic flaw and say, “If that’s Christianity, I don’t want any part of it.” Therefore, they turn away from both eternal salvation and every possible category of blessing in life.



4. The tragedy of the fragmented life is that it ignores what God has provided to protect us from fragging ourselves, and the means of recovery.
5. The fragmented life is the subject of Romans 7:1–25. There are at least five areas of ignorance which prolong and perpetuate the fragmented life. This is why the believer can commit any sin the unbeliever commits.
 - a. Ignorance of our portfolio of invisible assets provided for us by God the Father in eternity past.
 - b. Ignorance of the mechanics for the execution of the protocol plan of God for the Church Age.
 - c. Ignorance of the problem-solving devices of the protocol plan.
 - d. Ignorance of the ten unique characteristics of the Church Age.
 - e. Ignorance of the mystery doctrine of the Church Age, resulting in malfunction of post-salvation epistemological rehabilitation.

E. Six Categories of Fragmentation.

1. Self or personal fragmentation is related to the sin nature's area of weakness. It is caused by pulling the pin of the grenade through the sins of the arrogance complex. Understanding this category requires an understanding of the old sin nature with its areas of strength and weakness, and its trends.
2. Polarized fragmentation is related to the sin nature's trends toward legalism or antinomianism, both of which are wrong.
3. Fragmentation related to subjective arrogance.
 - a. Unrealistic expectation is subjective preoccupation with self.
 - b. Role-model arrogance is subjective preoccupation with others. Role-model arrogance is related to peer pressure in whatever the trend of one's sin nature.
4. Human relationship fragmentation.
 - a. Problems related to Christian fellowship.
 - b. Problems related to marriage.
5. Emotional fragmentation includes fear, worry, anxiety, anger, hatred, violence, and murder.
6. God relationship fragmentation.
 - a. The believer becomes a loser through ignorance of doctrine relating to the plan and will of God.
 - b. The believer functions under man-dependence rather than God-dependence.



- c. Failure to learn and use the problem-solving devices of the protocol plan of God for the Church.
- d. Failure to understand, metabolize, and apply the unique characteristics of the Church Age.
- e. Failure to execute the protocol plan of God through consistent post-salvation epistemological rehabilitation.
- f. Failure to learn and to use your portfolio of invisible assets.

F. The fragmented life is taught in Ephesians 4.

1. The fragmented life is deceived by false doctrine, and is a life of self-deception.

Ephesians 4:14 “We are no longer to be childish [**fragmented**] destabilized in heavy seas, driven out of control [**fragmented life**] by every wind of false doctrine, by the trickery of people [**who teach false doctrine**], by cunning deception for the purpose of scheming deceit.

2. The fragmented life is often characterized by sexual arrogance.

Ephesians 4:19 Who because they have become calloused [**fragmentation from scar tissue of the soul**] have given themselves over to licentiousness [**fragmentation related to the trend toward lasciviousness**], resulting in the practice of every kind of immorality with insatiable lust [**fragmentation from sexual arrogance**].

Ephesians 4:26 Although you may have become angry [**pulling the pin of the grenade**], in spite of that, stop sinning [**recover from the fragmented life**]. The sun must never set on your anger.

3. In other words, do not ever let sundown find you in a fragmented state. If you are fragmented before the sun goes down, rebound and keep moving.
4. Christian criminality is also a part of the fragmented life:

Ephesians 4:28 He who stole up to now [**fragmentation from criminal arrogance**], from now on, stop stealing, but rather begin to work hard, working with your hands, doing what is right, that you may have money to share with those who are in need.

5. Recovery from the fragmented life is mandated in:



Ephesians 4:30 Therefore, stop grieving the Holy Spirit, the God, by whom you have been sealed for the day of redemption.

- a. Sealing is a reference to the signature guarantee of the Spirit's ministry in efficacious grace.
 - b. It is a reference to the signature guarantee of eternal life given to anyone at the moment they believe in Jesus Christ.
 - c. Sealing is a reference to the signature guarantee of eternal security to anyone who believes in Christ. Neither God nor man can cancel the salvation received by personal faith in Jesus Christ.
 - d. Sealing is a signature guarantee of your portfolio of invisible assets, prepared for you by God the Father in eternity past.
6. Ephesians 4:31 is the divine mandate to utilize the problem-solving devices. Bitterness is one of the worst forms of arrogance and greatest enemy in the fragmented life:

Ephesians 4:31 Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice.

G. Personal or Self-Fragmentation.

1. Self-fragmentation is the implosion brought on by succumbing to temptation from the sin nature.
2. Every believer is a walking grenade with the potential for self-fragmentation. Every time the believer uses his volition to pull the pin of the grenade, he fragments his own life. This is a wrong decision from a position of weakness.
3. There are two categories of decisions we make as believers.
 - a. Good decisions from a position of strength come from the metabolization of Bible doctrine.
 - b. Bad decisions from a position of weakness come from pulling the pin of the grenade.
4. The pin of the grenade or the position of weakness are all the sins of gate #1 of the arrogance complex; e.g., envy, jealousy, bitterness, hatred, vindictiveness, implacability, self-pity, hypersensitivity, motivational and functional revenge, inordinate ambition and competition, malice, slander, gossip, maligning, and judging.
5. Every believer in Jesus Christ must take the responsibility for his own decisions.



6. As a believer, you have already made the greatest decision in this life, which is to personally believe in Jesus Christ. The very moment you believed in Jesus Christ, you received forty things from God which guarantee your eternal salvation.
 - a. Our Lord Jesus Christ was judged for the sins of the world on the cross. The greatest problems of life, sin, and spiritual death were resolved at the cross when our Lord became our substitute and received the imputation and judgment for all our sins.
 - b. There is no sin in human history for which our Lord was not judged. Consequently, there is no person too low, too degenerate, or too evil to have eternal salvation through faith alone in Christ alone.
 - c. Faith in Jesus Christ plus nothing secures salvation.
7. Personal or self-fragmentation is perpetuated unless the believer learns and utilizes the ten problem-solving devices.
8. The first problem-solving device is the rebound technique. To acknowledge, cite, or admit our sins to God is a good decision from a position of strength.
 - a. The rebound technique is summarized in:

1 John 1:9 If we acknowledge [admit, cite, name] our sins, He [God the Father] is faithful and just [righteous] with the result that He forgives us our sins [post-salvation sins of cognizance], and cleanses [purifies] us from all wrongdoing [post-salvation sins of ignorance].”
 - b. Post-salvation sins of ignorance accumulate through perpetuation of the fragmented life. Perpetuation of the fragmented life means failure to understand and to utilize the rebound technique.
 - c. Only the rebound technique can check fragmentation and hinder its insidious growth in our lives.
 - d. Perpetuation of self-fragmentation explodes into polarized fragmentation, the fragmentation of subjective arrogance, human relationship fragmentation, emotional fragmentation, and God-relationship fragmentation.
 - e. The mechanics of rebound are also found in the Old Testament:



Psalm 32:5 I acknowledged my sin to You, and my iniquity I did not hide; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord"; and you, O Lord, forgave the iniquity of my sin. **Selah** (**הִלֵּל (sélah)**].¹

9. The problem of pre-salvation sinning is solved by faith in Christ.
10. Four patterns of post-salvation sinning emerge.
 - a. Occasional sinning: the mature believer uses rebound and other problem-solving devices to check fragmentation.
 - b. Sporadic sinning: scattered and isolated instances of sinning in the adolescent believer.
 - c. Frequent sinning: the status of perpetuated fragmentation in the immature believer.
 - d. Continuous sinning: a believer in reversionism.
11. When the born-again believer commits sins related to legalism and moral degeneracy, he is judged erroneously by his Christian peers as being spiritual. When the born-again believer commits sins related to antinomianism and immoral degeneracy, he is often wrongly judged by his Christian peers as not really being saved at all.
12. The reality of eternal salvation is determined by faith in Christ, not by the category of one's sins. The reality of spirituality or the filling of the Spirit is determined by the utilization of rebound when the Holy Spirit is grieved or quenched through sin.
13. Momentum in the protocol plan of God is determined by two factors.
 - a. By residence and function inside the divine dynasphere.
 - b. By the teaching ministry of the Holy Spirit.

John 14:26 "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.

John 16:12 "I [**Jesus**] have many more doctrines to say to you, but you do not have the ability or power to mentally sustain them at this time.

¹ Of one feature of Hebrew music we may be tolerably sure it was rendered in unison. It was destitute of harmony or counterpoint. For its effect it would depend on contrast in quality or tone on participation of a larger or smaller number of singers, so clearly indicated in many of the Psalms and on the coloring of the orchestra. That the latter occasionally played short passages alone has been inferred from the term *selah*, a word that occurs 71 times in Psalms. It means louder playing, forte, or, more probably, an instrumental interlude. (James Millar, "Music," in *The International Standard Bible Encyclopaedia*, James Orr, gen. ed. (Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co, 1956), III: 2096.



John 16:13 “But on the occasion when the Holy Spirit comes, He will guide and instruct you into all truth [ἀλήθεια (*alétheia*)]. For He will not teach from the source of Himself, but whatever He keeps hearing, He will keep on communicating and report back to you what is to come [**Church-Age doctrine**].

v. 14 “He [**the Holy Spirit**] will glorify Me [**Jesus**], because He will receive from Me [**the mind of Christ**] and will report that back to you.” (EXT)

1 Corinthians 2:9 Just as it is written [in **Isaiah 64:4**], “Things which the eye has not seen and ear has not heard, and which have not entered the heart of man, all that God has prepared for those who love Him.

v. 10 But to us, God has revealed them unto us to our advantage through the instrumentality of the Holy Spirit for the Spirit investigates all things, yes, the deep things of God.

v. 11 For what man understands the things of man except by the human spirit which is in him? Even so the things of God no man has known, except the Holy Spirit.

v. 12 Now we have not received the spirit of the world’s frame of reference, but the human spirit from the source of God, that we might know the things that are freely given to us by God by means of grace [**GAP**],

v. 13 which things of divine wisdom also we speak, not in categories taught by human wisdom, but that taught by the Holy Spirit explaining spiritual phenomena to spirit-filled believers.

v. 14 The soulish man [**an unbeliever with only a soul but no teaching ministry of the Spirit**] does not accept the things of the Spirit for they are foolishness to him and he is not able to obtain knowledge of the gospel because they are discerned from the source of the Holy Spirit.

v. 15 But he that is spiritual discerns the doctrines of God, yet he himself is not legitimately criticized by anyone.

v. 16 For who has known the thinking of the Lord and who may instruct God? For we have the thinking of Christ from the source of Scripture. (EXT)



14. When the fragmented life of the believer remains unchecked by rebound and is perpetuated in the cosmic system, the believer is capable of committing any sin that any unbeliever with the same sin nature trend would commit.
15. You cannot distinguish between the believer and the unbeliever who is in the perpetual state of fragmentation or carnality. The only clue is the testimony of such a person that, in one moment of his life, he believed in Christ.
16. The pattern of post-salvation sinning can follow several patterns of carnality or fragmentation:
 - a. The pre-salvation trend of the sin nature results in polarized fragmentation after salvation.
 - b. The association factor. The nature or trend of one's sinning may change after salvation because of the erroneous influence of Christian fellowship.
 - (1) For example, the pre-salvation trend in your sin nature may have been toward lascivious-lawlessness, but through association with legalistic believers, your trend changes toward self-righteous arrogance.
 - (2) Or, the pre-salvation trend of the sin nature may have been directed toward self-righteous arrogance and legalism, but association with antinomian Christians changes the pattern from legalism to lasciviousness.
 - c. The pattern of post-salvation sinning is often based on how long it takes the believer to understand and use the problem-solving devices.
 - d. Another factor is the church environment.
 - (1) If the church centers on teaching the mystery doctrine of the Church's portfolio of invisible assets, the unique features of the Church Age, and the challenge of becoming an invisible hero, then the environment encourages spiritual growth and the execution of the protocol plan. Therefore, the environment encourages spiritual growth and the execution of the plan of God.
 - (2) However, the church environment which emphasizes social life, programs, or works to the exclusion of doctrine has very superficial teaching, produces believers who fail to execute the protocol plan and who struggle for the rest of their lives in the drowning pool of the fragmented life.

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