

Pride and Divine Limitations

“Now these things, brethren, I have figuratively transferred to myself and Apollos for your sakes, that you may learn in us not to think beyond what is written, that none of you may be puffed up on behalf of one against the other” (1 Cor. 4:6).

Pride, presumption, and divine boundaries. Seeing through emotionally charged statements to keep God's commandments. Are there limitations in the area of benevolence?

1. Who is like a city with broken-down walls (Prov. 25:28)?

2. What would silence a tongue-speaker in first-century worship (1 Cor. 14:27, 28)?

3. What prohibited women from speaking out in worship (1 Cor. 14:34, 35)?

4. What sin was worthy of death in Deuteronomy 17:8-13?

5. What is presumption identified with (see 2 Peter 2:10)?

6. What practical instruction will help me keep the commandments of God (see Deut. 4:2; 1 Cor. 4:6; Rev. 22:18, 19)? _____
7. Who is *not* to burden the church's benevolent work in 1 Timothy 5:3-16?

8. What did Peter command Gentiles to do in Acts 10:47, 48? What might be some emotionally charged responses designed to deny what is written about water baptism?

