

Prov 26:12

12 Seest thou a man wise in his own conceit? there is more hope of a fool than of him.

Prov 27:2

2 Let another man praise thee, and not thine own mouth; a stranger, and not thine own lips.

Prov 28:11

11 The rich man is wise in his own conceit:...

There are False Teachers among us that are teaching about "Self-Esteem" the same as in the world.

2 Pet 2:1

1 ...even as there shall be false teachers among you,...

2 Pet 2:10

10 ...them that walk after the flesh...Presumptuous are they, selfwilled,

2 Pet 2:18-19

18 For when they speak great swelling words of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through much wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error.

19 While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage.

Luke 16:15

15 And he said unto them, Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God.

CONCLUSION:

Man's ideas about "Self-Esteem" are not the answer to any of our problems. Man's "Self-Esteem" eventually leads to 'self-pride', and the results are devastating!

Isa 47:8

8 Therefore hear now this, thou that art given to pleasures, that dwellest carelessly, that sayest in thine heart, I am, and none else beside me;...

Isa 47:10-11

10 ...Thy wisdom and thy knowledge, it hath perverted thee; and thou hast said in thine heart, I am, and none else beside me.

11 Therefore shall evil come upon thee; thou shalt not know from whence it riseth: and mischief shall fall upon thee; thou shalt not be able to put it off: and desolation shall come upon thee suddenly, which thou shalt not know.

2 Tim 3:1-2

1 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

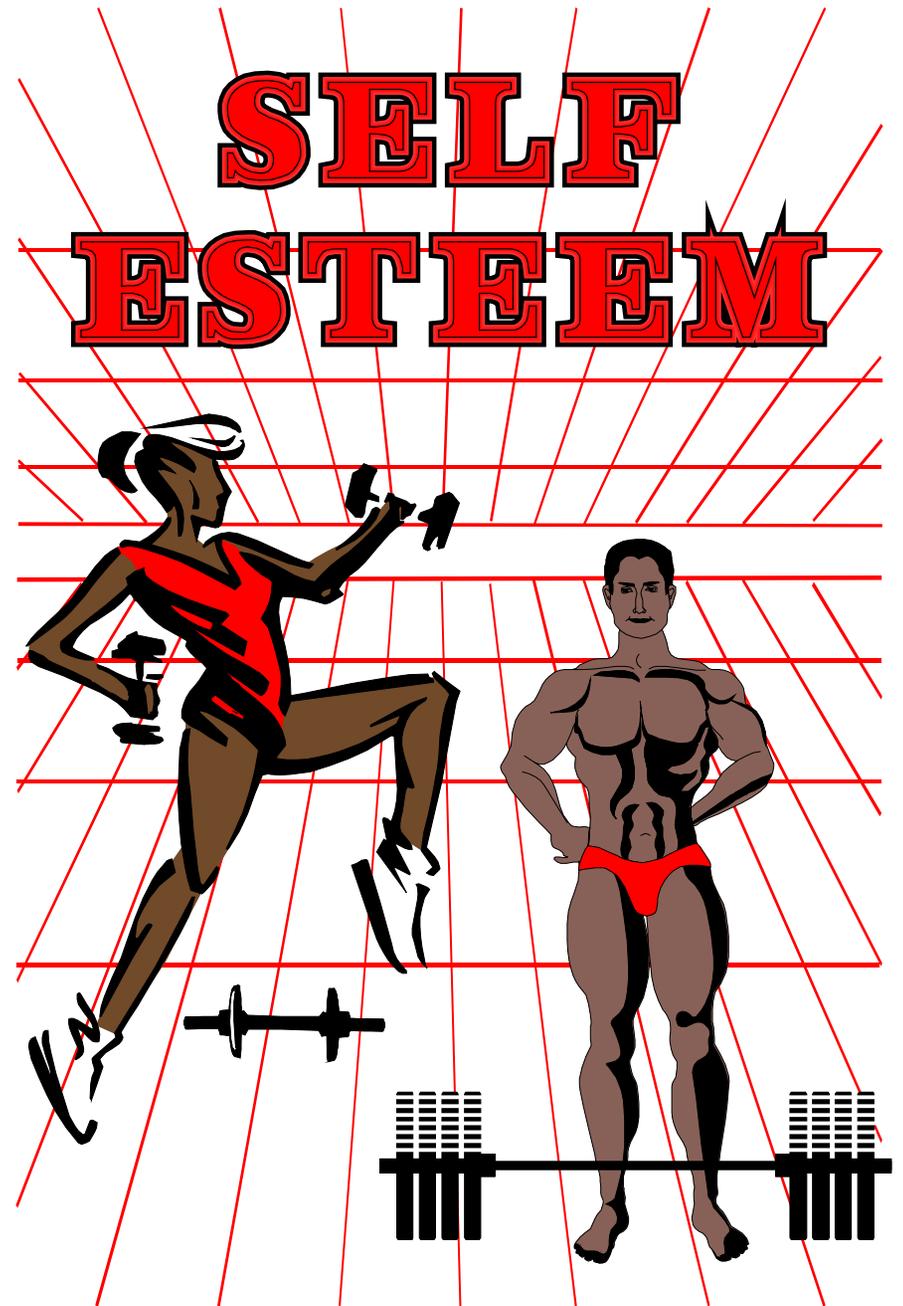
2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud,

Isa 2:11

11 The lofty looks of man shall be humbled, and the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, and the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day.

Amen!

Timothy II



INTRODUCTION:

WHAT IS SELF-ESTEEM?

The term “Self-Esteem” has changed in its meaning through the introduction of Man’s Psychology. It used to have a negative meaning, but now it has evolved into a positive meaning to those who are in the world.

The Old Dictionary says it is : Esteem of oneself; the act of thinking favorably of oneself; vanity.

The New Dictionary says it is: Self respect.

Although it is a subtle difference, we are now led to believe that we need to respect ourselves to the point of pride and vanity.

The Bible doesn’t mention the term “Self-Esteem”, but has much to say about not ‘living’ for ourselves or ‘loving’ ourselves.

COMMENTARY:

As Christians, we no longer live for ourselves, but for Jesus Christ.

Gal 2:20

20 **I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God**, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

2 Cor 5:15

15 And that **he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him** which died for them, and rose again.

If we are truly living for the Lord, we become less interested in ourselves.

John 5:30 (Jesus said)

30 **I can of mine own self do nothing:...**because **I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.**

We now live through the guidance of God The Holy Spirit, which the natural man (including psychologists) cannot understand.

1 Cor 2:14

14 **But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God:** for they are foolishness unto him: **neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.**

1 Cor 2:16

16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? **But we have the mind of Christ.**

Our “Self-Esteem” as Christians.

1 Cor 12:27

27 **Now ye are the body of Christ**, and members in particular.

1 Cor 12:18

18 **But now hath God set the members every one** of them in the body, **as it hath pleased him.**

1 Cor 12:21

21 And **the eye cannot say** unto the hand, **I have no need of thee: nor again the head** to the feet, **I have no need of you.**

2 Cor 10:12

12 **For we dare not** make ourselves of the number, or **compare ourselves with some that commend themselves:** but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise.

2 Cor 10:17

17 **But he that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.**

2 Cor 10:18

18 **For not he that commendeth himself is approved, but whom the Lord commendeth.**

What about the problem of low “Self-Esteem”?

Eph 5:29

29 **For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it**, even as the Lord the church:

God’s Love is the ‘Fruit of the Spirit’, and it doesn’t reflect “Self-Esteem”. (Gal 5:22)

1 Cor 13:4-5

4 **Charity** (Love) suffereth long, and is kind; **charity** (Love) **envieth not; charity** (Love) **vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,**

5 Doth not behave itself unseemly, **seeketh not her own**, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;

God’s “Self-Esteem” in marriage.

Eph 5:28

28 **So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself.**

As Christians, we are to “Esteem” others better than ourselves!

Phil 2:3

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

Rom 12:16

16 **Be of the same mind one toward another.** Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. **Be not wise in your own conceits.**

James 2:8

8 If ye fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, **Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself**, ye do well:

The following is some ‘Sound Doctrine’ for Christians about “Self-Esteem”.

Prov 3:7

7 **Be not wise in thine own eyes:...**

Prov 3:34

34 ...but **he giveth grace unto the lowly.**

Prov 11:2

2 **When pride cometh, then cometh shame:** but with the lowly is wisdom.

Prov 14:14

14 **The backslider in heart shall be filled with his own ways:...**

Prov 21:4

4 **An high look, and a proud heart, and the plowing of the wicked, is sin.**