

THE CANCER OF THE SOUL PASTOR TIMOTHY GREEN

Rom 12:3 "For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith." KJV

Thomas Wheeler, CEO of Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company, and his wife were driving along an interstate highway when he noticed that their car was low on gas. Wheeler got off the highway at the next exit and soon found a rundown gas station with just one pump. He asked the lone attendant to fill the tank and check the oil, then went for a little walk around the station to stretch his legs. As he was returning to the car, he noticed that the attendant and his wife were engaged in an animated conversation. As he was getting back into the car, he saw the attendant wave and heard him say, "It was great talking to you."

As they drove out of the station, Wheeler asked his wife if she knew the man. They had gone to high school together and had dated steadily for about a year.

"Boy, were you lucky that I came along," bragged Wheeler. "If you had married him, you'd be the wife of a gas station attendant instead of the wife of a CEO."

"My dear, if I had married him, he'd be the CEO and you'd be the gas station attendant."

Saint Francis de Sales once remarked: "Pride will only disappear from the human heart fifteen minutes after we have died."

C.S. Lewis once wrote: "There is one vice of which no man in the world is free, which everyone in the world loathes when he sees it in someone else, and of which hardly any people ... ever imagine that they are guilty themselves ... There is no fault which makes a man more unpopular, and no fault which we are more unconscious of ourselves. And the more we have it ourselves, the more we dislike it in others."

Pride is indeed an ugly cancer of the soul and none of us are free of the disease.

"God, please eradicate the disease of pride from each of our hearts."