

Vaunteth/Puffed-up 2/15/26

I Corinthians 13:4-8

Vaunteth = “outward, brag about who or what you are. Have it and vaunt it”

Puffed up = “inward, trying to look or be more than you are”

I. BALLOON

A. Empty **Uninflated balloon Blue** I John 5:12 He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. Empty balloon is not fun. We are empty without Christ. Romans 8:8-10

1. Religion is empty without Christ I Corinthians 15:14-17 **Vain** = empty

a) Not filled with pride Ephesians 2:8-9 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. **Trying to be saved by good works is like trying to blow up a balloon full of holes.** **White**

b) What Christ did for you Romans 5:8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. **Hot air balloon - Blowing in a hot air balloon is not going to help!**

2. Christ in you Romans 10:9-10,13 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with

the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation... For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. **Put mouth on balloon - confess with your mouth.**

3. Tie the knot of security Ephesians 1:13-14 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory. **Let go of balloon blue without tying a knot - "I have to hold on!" "Holding on as best as I can!"**

B. Filled Ephesians 5:18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit. **Cannot fill something until you empty it. 2 balloons - Which is filled with helium? Blue** Philippians 3:9-10

1. With self **Cannot be filled with the Spirit when you are filled with self.** Romans 12:3

- a) So earthly bound, no heavenly good James 3:13-18 **"That went over like a lead balloon"** God wants us to soar! Isaiah 40:31 But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and

not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

b) So heavenly minded, no earthly good.

Balloon floating off into the sky. Romans 12:16 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. **Holier than thou.** **Lost sight of the world around them.**

2. With the Holy Spirit Acts 13:52 **And the disciples were filled with joy, and with the Holy Ghost. He gets more of you!**

a) Can tell by works James 2:18 **Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works. I can't see the Spirit of God in you, but can see the works.**

b) Affects everything about you I Peter 3:15-16 **But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear: Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed**

that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ. **Suck up some helium.**

II. PUFFER FISH

A. Trying to look bigger than you really are Philippians 2:3 Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Galatians 5:26 Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another. Signs of being puffed-up:

- Having to make sure everyone knows what you are doing.
- Putting yourself down hoping others will disagree. “I deserve better.” “God made a mistake with me.”
- Faultfinding - tear others down to build yourself up. **Low self-esteem. Love will find ways to build them up.**
- Defensive when you find something out or “I knew that”.
- Have to be right all of the time.
- Talk about what you are going to someday or how you could do it better.

All talk - no walk.

1. Pride Proverbs 16:18 Pride goeth before destruction, and an **haughty** spirit before a fall.

Haughty = “self-inflated sense of importance”

a) “I know” I Corinthians 8:1-3

b) "I can handle it" I Corinthians 10:12

2. Humility Colossians 2:18,23 Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind... Which things have indeed a shew of wisdom in will worship, and humility, and neglecting of the body; not in any honour to the satisfying of the flesh. **False humility** Galatians 6:3-4

a) Glory in the Lord Jeremiah 9:23-24 Thus saith the LORD, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches: But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the LORD which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the LORD.

b) Humble yourself **HOW?** James 4:6-10, II Chronicles 34:27 "I don't need to repent!" "I'm not a bad person." "I haven't done anything wrong." **King Josiah must have been a wicked king!** II Chronicles 34:1-3 16 years old, vs. 8 26 years old, vs. 14,18-19 **Show me someone who can sincerely say**

“I’m sorry, I was wrong!” and I’ll show you someone that knows how to love. Some people have a way of saying I’m sorry that makes you feel guilty!

c) Put on an **apron!** I Peter 5:5-6 Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be **clothed** with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time. “**Clothed**” = “put on the servants apron” John 13:4,13-17 **Humbling to accept help** John 13:6-9

B. Be bigger by being smaller Philippians 2:5-9

Matthew 23:11-12 But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant. And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.

1. Big God I Peter 5:6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time. John 3:30 He must increase, but I must decrease.
2. Big Love John 13:34-35 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples,

if ye have love one to another. Philippians 1:9
And this I pray, that your love may abound yet
more and more in knowledge and in all judgment.

III. BLOW YOUR HORN **Horn Sound (no video - just sound)**
~~Matthew 6:1-7~~ Pharisees praying or giving alms - blow
horn!

A. Brag on yourself (sign of insecurity) Proverbs 27:2
Let another man praise thee, and not thine own mouth;
a stranger, and not thine own lips. **People that brag or
talk about themselves a lot need kindness.**

B. Brag on...

1. God Psalm 150:3,6 Praise him with the sound of
the trumpet: praise him with the psaltery and
harp... Let every thing that hath breath praise the
LORD. Praise ye the LORD. Hebrews 13:15 By
him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to
God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips
giving thanks to his name.

2. Brag on others Philippians 2:1-4

Be selfish by being selfless! Matthew 6:25 For whosoever will
save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my
sake shall find it.

“It takes very little to be big!”