

## **The Pride of Passion**

*“Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall. Better to be of a humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud.” Proverbs 16: 18-19 (NKJV)*

The other day I heard about a passionate pro-life individual who was overwhelmed with anger because another group was not educating on abortion in his prescribed manner. Passion is an essential element in God’s ministry but if it is uncontrolled Satan can use it to his own purposes. We see this spirit of darkness in ministry when judgment and self-righteousness are displayed. There is a fine line between passion and pride.

As a child, my passion was centered on animal rights. Even as a little girl I would have no fear in approaching a bully who was hurting a small animal. When God touched my heart after my post-abortion healing, my passion enlarged to helping the unborn and their mothers. Sometimes I can feel my heart being pumped with a pro-life, passionate stem. It’s often fed by seeing the Lord’s redemptive spirit working in the wounded.

Controlling passion often comes through humility and acknowledging God’s will over your own. In everything – the good or the bad – praise the Lord and acknowledge His power to turn everything together for His good. Always be sure not to judge others who don’t share your passion because God may have put other issues on their hearts. The end result of our passion should always be evangelism.

Abortion issues may be the steam but the pump in my heart is helping others to know my Jesus. Be sure not to offend the separate passions of others who may not follow your ministry path. Every day surrender your passion to the Lord and allow Him to use this emotion in His righteous way!