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Alma 26:12 says,
"I will not boast of myself, but I will boast of my God, for in his strength I can do all things."

BIBLE QUIZ:

The greatest prophet who ever lived said this about Jesus...

"He must increase, I must decrease" (John 3:30 & Luke 7:28)

Who was this prophet?

(Hint, he was a prophet while Jesus was here on earth)

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Ezra Taft Benson once said...

"In the scriptures there is no such thing as righteous pride—it is always considered a sin.. Pride is essentially competitive in nature. We pit our will against God's... As Paul said, they "seek their own, not the things which are Jesus Christ's."
(Beware of Pride, April General Conference, 1989)

Would it ever be okay for a person to make this claim...

"I have more to boast of than ever any man had... I boast that no man ever did such a work as I."

4.

We Agree with Alma 26:12

Because Alma 26:12 agrees with the Bible

THE BIBLE SAYS, “Every one that is proud in heart is an abomination to the Lord” (Proverbs 16:5).

On May 26, 1844, it was Joseph Smith Jr. who preached in a Sunday message, *“I have more to boast of than ever any man had. I am the only man that has ever been able to keep a whole church together. ...Neither Paul, John, Peter, nor Jesus ever did it. I boast that no man ever did such a work as I. The followers of Jesus ran away from Him, but the Latter-day Saints never ran away from me yet.”* (History of the Church, Vol. 6, published by the LDS Church, pg. 408-409)

JESUS SAID, *“Every tree is known by his own fruit... A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks”* (Luke 6:44-45).

Accordingly, Joseph’s boasting revealed a hidden evil in his heart.

There is no place for ‘boasting’ in the gospel of Jesus Christ, consider 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.”*

BOOK OF MORMON QUIZ: The Book of Mormon tells of an evil that is worse than pride, what is that sin?

Jacob 2:22-28 says, *“I make an end of speaking unto you concerning this pride. And were it not that I must speak unto you concerning a grosser crime, my heart would rejoice exceedingly... For behold, thus saith the Lord: this people begin to wax in iniquity... for they seek to excuse themselves in committing whoredomes... David and Solomon truly had many wives and concubines, which thing was abominable before me... Wherefore, I the Lord God will not suffer that this people shall do like unto them of old. My brethren hearken to the word of the Lord: For there shall not any man among you have save it be one wife; and concubines he shall have none; For I the Lord God, delight in the chastity of women. And whoredoms are an abomination before me.”*

As you consider the following facts, ask yourself, **“What exactly are the ‘whoredoms’ referred to in Jacob chapter two?”**

JOSEPH SMITH’S PLURAL WIVES

“In Sacred Loneliness”, by LDS historian Todd Compton, documents Joseph Smith entering into at least 34 plural marriages prior to his death. Of those wives, ten were teenagers (two 14 year old & two 16 year old girls). Joseph also married Patty & Sylvia Sessions (a mother/daughter set) and five pairs of sisters in direct conflict with God’s law found in Leviticus 18:17-18 & 20:14. Joseph also married eleven married women—these women remained married to their living husbands which must be viewed as adultery (see Exodus 20:14,17 & Matthew 5:27-28). Marrying married women was also adultery according to Joseph’s own revelation found in D&C 132:61-63. How can these unlawful marriage relationships be viewed as anything but whoredomes? (see: www.WivesofJosephSmith.org)

JESUS WARNED, *“Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits...”*

2 Timothy 3:1-6 says, *“In the last days... men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud... Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts.”*

WICKEDNESS & PRIDE BRING A CURSE

“God shall bring upon them their own iniquity, and shall cut them off in their own wickedness; yea, the LORD our God shall cut them off” (Psalm 94:23).

“Pride goes before destruction and a haughty spirit before a fall” (Proverbs 16:18).

It is sobering to note—exactly one month after Joseph proudly boasted that he had done a greater work than even Jesus; he was silenced in the Carthage jail. All boasting ends at the grave!

DON’T GET THE WRONG IDEA – We are not trying to destroy your faith, we want you to place your faith in JESUS not JOSEPH. Jesus said, *“I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”* (John 14:6).

Would to God we all had the attitude of John the Baptist who humbly stated, *“He must increase, I must decrease”* (John 3:30).

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