

Intro:

READ WLC Q&A 145: “flattery ... thinking ... speaking ... too highly ... of ourselves or others”.

Main Point of Text: God will silence vain men’s self-speak.

Sermon Point: *Don’t flatter yourself.*

Move 1: Don’t talk too much about yourselves.

LC: “vain-glorious boasting ... speaking too highly or too meanly of ourselves”: 2 Tim. 3:1-2: ... *in the last days ... men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud ...*

Move 2: Don’t think too much about yourselves.

LC: “thinking ... too highly or too meanly of ourselves”: Lk. 18:9-14: Pharisees prayer over Publican’s.

Move 3: Don’t exalt others with emptiness simply to exalt yourselves.

LC: “thinking or speaking too highly or too meanly of ... **others**”: Acts 12:21-23: Herod received praise as a God. Is this you? Jude 16: *These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts; and their mouth speaketh great swelling words, having men’s persons in admiration because of advantage.*

Move 4: Don’t exalt yourself.

LC: “flattering”: inflating/exaggerating or minimizing/excusing. Psalm 12:2-3:

- Context: David cries out about the effect of vanity running wild: vss. 1, 8
- Vs. 2: Speakers of emptiness use smooth/slippery lips (Hebrew) from a double heart.
- Vs. 3: The LORD will cut out their lying lips and tongue in the end.
- Vs. 4 in contrast with vs. 3. Vs. 2 in contrast with Vs. 6. The humbly honest prevail: vs. 5.

Conclusion:

Don’t flatter yourself.