

2. **Pre-adolescent** [*Elementary School*] Won't trust anybody to do anything for me. I'll do everything for myself. Can't trust authorities or leaders. Can't trust Yahweh.

3. **Adolescent** [*Jr. & Sr. High School*] Won't do anything for anybody else unless there is something in it for me. Deceptive. Take advantage of others by my skill and ability to help. Leverage everything. Nothing in life is free.

PREJECT PATHOLOGIES

1. *Barrenness—Elective*

Oprah's prejection has barred her and only Jesus can heal her. Scripture does not teach that sin closes the womb. If that were so, then Cain and Abel would never have arrived on the scene, and those far away from or at war with Yahweh would never have children. But it is clear that even the enemies of Yahweh are fertile, because Yahweh's first word to the human order, before sin crashed the planet, was to *be fruitful and multiply*.⁵ Scripture does teach that Yahweh at times closes the womb, without regard to the spiritual condition of the womb owner.⁶ Modern medicine has made some progress in providing a workaround for biological barrenness. But as the world's preject population continues to climb we are witnessing an unprecedented increase in cases of *elective barrenness* wherein women are choosing not to have children, because their childhood experiences were so bad. We've documented the circumstances of Oprah Winfrey's elective barrenness at an earlier place in this book. When men and women are severely rejected and unhealed as children, their damaged cistern-souls impact even normal reproductive desires set in place by Yahweh. Prejection is the leading cause of elective barrenness,

⁵ *Genesis 1:28* (NIV) God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

⁶ *1 Samuel 1:5* (NIV) But to Hannah he gave a double portion because he loved her, and the Lord had closed her womb.

for men and women, and requires a touch or word from a surrogate *parent* with life in his or her womb in order to heal.

2. Boasting or Silence

Projects will either boast and brag, and be story stars and headliners of their own exploits, or they will be cryptic and silent. They will either inflate or devalue their performances, but will not have a clear and balanced view of themselves or their accomplishments, because damaged souls also damage and impair our vision, so we are unable to see ourselves with any clarity. These are the two ways in which projects deal with the major conflict in their psyche, the struggle with determining if they are good or bad. This deeply divided self-image often delays many projects from achieving their potential.

I was conflicted about being at Princeton because although I suspected I was smart even as my parents openly questioned my intelligence in comparison to other kids in my class, I also knew I didn't work hard enough or achieve enough to be admitted to the Seminary based on academic merit alone, and so wondered if I really had what it took intellectually to succeed there. I felt like I didn't earn the right to be there. It was at a time when there were very few black faces at theological seminaries and Princeton was looking for diversity. They saw my promise and overlooked my performance. I was admitted because I was black, and that messed with my head for a long time. It helped me to self-sabotage and shrink and refuse to work hard and self-flagellate. So, here I am a certified Mensa member with a 141 I.Q., and I was unsure of myself and feeling like crap. Instead of tackling the challenge in front of me with determination to demonstrate my intelligence and prove my doubting parents wrong, I crawled into an academic shell, clammed up in classes, and never uttered a word my entire uneven time at the school. Instead of boasting I chose silence.

I realize now that I was clinically depressed throughout high school, and college, and seminary. I was functioning, but just barely; and the only thing that kept me below the radar was my

ability fake competence because I *was* bright. The thing that caused my depression also kept me from getting the help I needed, because it enabled me to hide my need.

3. Contempt for the Weak

When we fail to serve the weak and instead offend them, we end up failing the weak, ourselves, and Yahweh. a) *We fail them* because their position doesn't change. They don't get healed or restored when Yahweh avenges them. All that happens is we get brought down to where they (the weak) are instead of them getting brought up to where we are by our esteeming them highly. b) *We fail ourselves* because instead of seizing the opportunity to be exalted by humbling ourselves in their presence, which is the second reason Yahweh brings them into our lives, we get abased because of behaving haughtily in their presence. c) *We fail Yahweh* because, instead of showing the world how Yahweh's wisdom is better than theirs, we show the world only what they've heard about already: Yahweh's judgment.

Children are in a position of weakness in every culture. One clear sign of unhealed prejection is an inability to value, treasure, champion, and assist children just because they are children. Serving and blessing children who are strangers and in whom there is nothing vested is impossible for an unhealed preject (like those mean people in church who just can't stand kids, much less smile at them), because it is impossible to give away what you don't have; and it's impossible to have it if someone didn't give it to you.

I can't serve someone lower than me until I have been shown how to through being served by someone higher than me. Prejects have never been served by their parents, so they don't have it in them to serve children, or the weak.

4. Convenience

Prejects want to live a life of convenience wherein everyone around them is catering to their every whim. Just like a Christianity