

## 3/5/17 | WISE UP: Pride

*"Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before stumbling."*

—Proverbs 16:18 | NASB



### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Have you seen the surveys on social media (Facebook, Twitter) that instruct "Describe me in one word!"? Have you completed a survey like that? If so, why?
2. Have you ever wanted to know what people really think about you? Are your actions usually driven by service to others or by how you'll be perceived?
3. How is focusing on our reputation detrimental to our relationship with God?
4. Consider the quote on the right. How much do you think about yourself? How much of that time could you think about serving others instead?

*"A really humble man... will not be thinking about humility; he will not be thinking about himself at all."  
—C.S. Lewis*

### EXAMPLES OF PRIDE

Identify which of the "five tests for pride" the following figures failed (maybe more than one):

5. Read Genesis 37:1-11, 31-32—Joseph's brothers  
Does jealousy ever *not* lead to pride? How can you surrender your position to God to overcome jealousy?

6. Read 1 Samuel 13:7-14—Saul

What was wrong with Saul's method of seeking advice? How have you tried to control your life? How can you surrender your own plans?

7. Read 1 Samuel 25:1-13—Nabal

How was Nabal's reaction full of pride? How will serving those who can't repay you keep you from being prideful?

8. Read Esther 5:9-6:10—Haman

Where did Haman's boasting lead him? How can you surrender your own praise?

9. Read Acts 5:1-11—Ananias and Sapphira

What did this couple think they deserved? How could surrounding themselves by honest people have helped this couple? How can you do the same?

**TAKEAWAY:** What is the most important thing for you to do this week to combat pride?