



"Check the Ego"

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INTRODUCTION

James juxtaposes pride and humility in chapter 4 of his book. Then he gives 4 "signs of a struggle" with PRIDE, in forms of self-centeredness, self-indulgence, self-righteousness and self-sufficiency. So, it's time to humble ourselves before the Lord, check our egos and learn to control our desires.

WARMING UP

1. Are you Yanny or Laurel? 😊

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read James 4:1-17. What is the source of fights, tension, and jealousy in your relationships? How would these situations look different if you humbled yourself, and put God at the center of them?
2. Do you consider yourself "quick to quarrel?" Why or why not? Have you ever known someone like this? What were they like?
3. Where do you notice an "obsession with possessions" in your life? In our Valley?
4. How easy is it for you to say "enough"? In what two or three areas in your life can you start to say "enough" and learn to be content with what you have?
5. Do you ever notice in yourself a more critical or judgmental spirit? If so, what environments tend to draw that out of you?
 - a. Share an example of someone criticizing or judging you, and how that made you feel.
6. What does it mean to honor someone?
7. Why is "planning without praying" a sign of struggle with pride? Share about a time when you found yourself planning with praying...and what were the results. Also, if you have an example of a situation where you prayed LOTS in the midst of your planning, share that story/result as well.

COMMIT TO MEMORY

Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will lift you up. James 4:10

PRAY ABOUT IT

What was your biggest takeaway from this lesson, and why? Pray for each other, for your group, for our church, and for our community.