



ESTHER

Divine Undercurrents

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The Invasive Power of Pride
Esther 5

“Pride turns a man inward to find his purpose, it makes him feed on himself in the search for satisfaction, pride folds the soul over onto itself, shrivels it, causes the soul to fade and then to nearly disappear” -Tony Reinke

Characteristics of the invasive power of pride:

- With pride, “the issue” is rarely the issue.
- Pride distorts reality.
- Pride crowds out lasting joy.
- Pride is the soil in which every other sin grows.

When pride’s invasive power is taking root in a heart, contentment and joy can instantly be crowded out by discontentment, envy, and greed.

“Pride is spiritual cancer: it eats up the very possibility of love, or contentment, or even common sense.”

-C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

Other Scripture

Luke 18:9-12; Proverbs 16:18

Further Study

Read: Esther 5 in your group or with at least one other person.

1. Have someone read it while everyone reads along.
2. Have someone else read it while everyone else listens.
3. Have someone recount the text from memory in their own words.

Discuss:

1. What does the passage reveal about God?
2. What does the passage reveal about humanity?

Act:

1. If this passage is from God, what should change about how you live?
2. Who needs to hear the truth of this Scripture that you can share it with this week?
3. Identify a time this week when you might have the opportunity to share with them.