A Worshipper's Character
Session 9

Ezekiel 28:17 (NIV)
Your heart became proud on account of your beauty, and you corrupted your wisdom because of your splendor. So I threw you to the earth; I made a spectacle of you before kings.

The more we are used of God, the more "successful" we become in the eyes of others.

2 Chronicles 26:3–5; 15b–16a (NIV)
Uzziah was sixteen years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem fifty–two years. His mother's name was Jecoliah; she was from Jerusalem. He did what was right in the eyes of the Lord, just as his father Amaziah had done. He sought God during the days of Zechariah, who instructed him in the fear of God. As long as he sought the Lord, God gave him success … His fame spread far and wide, for he was greatly helped until he became powerful. But after Uzziah became powerful, his pride led to his downfall. *(emphasis added)*

Five Things About P.R.I.D.E. You Need to Remember:

1. **P – Pride is** _____.

   It has brought down greater men and women than you and me.

   Proverbs 16:18 (NIV)
   Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall.

2. **R – Pride is** _____.

   Pride and a religious spirit go hand–in–hand.

   The first thing a prideful, religious person does when confronted with their sin is to act more religious. (Uzziah)

   The greatest manifestation of pride is found in false humility.

   False humility bases its humility on appearance, spirituality and "success."

3. **I – Pride is** _____.

   "Insidious" is defined by Webster as "a disease developing so gradually as to be well established before becoming apparent"

   Pride was born in a place of perfection, in a perfect environment: Heaven

   Pride is the mother of all sins.

4. **D – Pride is** _____.

   Pride is so destructive and widespread because those who have pride don't know they have it.

   Obadiah 3 (NIV)
   The pride of your heart has deceived you. *(emphasis added)*

   Pride deceives the heart of its host.

   Like bad breath …

5. **E – Pride,** _____ **Has It!**

   I don't have a problem with pride, it comes quite easy!