



Talk it Over

PASTOR LYLE — PROVERBS — DRUNKENNESS, DISRESPECT, PRIDE — 3/23/25

KEY SCRIPTURE

Proverbs 16:18

Pride goes before destruction, and haughtiness before a fall.

Proverbs 16:5

The Lord detests the proud; they will surely be punished.

1 Peter 5:5

In the same way, you who are younger must accept the authority of the elders. And all of you, dress yourselves in humility as you relate to one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

Luke 18:11–13

11 The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed this prayer: 'I thank you, God, that I am not like other people—cheaters, sinners, adulterers. I'm certainly not like that tax collector!'

12 I fast twice a week, and I give you a tenth of my income.'

13 "But the tax collector stood at a distance and dared not even lift his eyes to heaven as he prayed. Instead, he beat his chest in sorrow, saying, 'O God, be merciful to me, for I am a sinner.'

2 Samuel 12:7 (NLT)

7 Then Nathan said to David, "You are that man! The Lord, the God of Israel, says: I anointed you king of Israel and saved you from the power of Saul.

START TALKING

Pastor Lyle's opening illustration was about a mirage, have you ever seen a mirage?

Was there a time when you thought you were seeing one thing that turned out to something entirely different?

START DISCUSSING

DISILLUSIONMENT

Disillusionment is the disappointment resulting from the discovery that something is not as good as one believed it to be. Wow! Doesn't that describe life in a fallen world. Does anything in this life live up to our expectations? We use terms like "buyer's remorse", "reality check", "lost its shine" or "not what I signed up for." If we are honest, sometimes we are disappointed with God, we can feel disillusioned. While many Psalms reflect this feeling, Psalm 73 is probably the best example of this. The truth is that a careful examination of each of these Psalms reveals that the writer needed to come to terms with some truth that was missing and causing their disillusionment.

PRIDE

Often disillusionment is fueled by pride. Phrases like "I deserve more", "it's not fair", "why me" and "why them and not me" all find their roots in pride. Pastor Lyle said "Pride is fooled by fake greatness"

What do you think of that statement?

What are the ramifications of the statement?

Can you think of examples of this?

Read Proverbs 16:5, 18 and 1 Peter 5:5

How does pride destroy us?

Why does God hate pride?

What strategy can we use to defeat pride or "fake greatness"?

PRIDE SAYS...

Discuss the following three statements along with the illustration from Scripture. **What does the statement mean? How does the Scripture illustrate the statement? How can we identify and defeat pride in our life?**

#1 Pride says "I'm Better"

Read Luke 18:11-13

#2 Pride says "I'm Good"

Read Luke 15:11-24 (look up in a Bible)

#3 Pride says "Not Me"

2 Samuel 12:7