

## THE IGNOBLE FACE OF PRIDE

"Pride goes before destruction & a haughty spirit before stumbling."

Proverbs 16:18

### HOW DO YOU RESPOND TO CORRECTION?

"Then Asa was angry with the seer & put him in prison, for he was enraged at him..." 2 Chronicles 16:10

PRIDE= Incurrigible – FALL=SEVERE DISEASE (16:2)

### WHAT ARE YOU DOING THAT YOU KNOW DISPLEASES GOD?

"...[Jehoshaphat] should you help the wicked & love those who hate the Lord and so bring wrath on yourself from the Lord?" 2 Chronicles 19:2 "...after this Jehoshaphat King of Judah allied himself with Ahaziah King of Israel...acting wickedly..." 20:35.

PRIDE= Unilateral selection of Self gratifying Relationships - FALL= works destroyed (20:37)

### WHY DO YOU DO WHAT IS RIGHT?

"And Joash did what was right in the sight of the Lord all the days of Jehoiada the priest."

2 Chronicles 24:2 "But after the death of Jehoiada... (vs. 17) why do you transgress the commandments of the Lord..." (vs. 20)

PRIDE= Feigned Obedience - FALL= "His own servants conspired against him" (24:25)

### WHO OR WHAT GETS THE CREDIT FOR YOUR VICTORIES?

"Behold [Amaziah] you have defeated Edom. And your heart has become proud in boasting."

2 Chronicles 25:19

PRIDE=Boasting - FALL=They conspired against him & killed him (25:27)

### HOW DO YOU HANDLE POWER & SUCCESS?

"But when He [Uzziah] became strong, his heart was so proud...he entered the temple of the Lord...2 Chronicles 26:16 "was enraged with the priests..." (vs. 19)

PRIDE= Presumptuous & Demanding - FALL="And King Uzziah was a leper to the day of his death" (26:21)

### HOW DO YOU REACT & WHO DO YOU TURN TO WHEN FACING STRESS & TIMES OF GREAT DISTRESS?

"Now in the time of his distress this same King Ahaz became yet more unfaithful to the Lord."

2 Chronicles 28:22 (Note: Isa 7)

PRIDE=Strategic Maneuvering – FALL="They did not bring him into the tombs of the kings" (28:27)

### UPON REALIZING GOD'S GOODNESS, HIS MIRACULOUS HEALING & MERCIFUL SALVATION TOWARD YOU,

#### HOW DO YOU SHOW YOUR GRATITUDE?

"But Hezekiah gave no return for the benefit he received because his heart was proud..." 2 Chronicles 32:25

PRIDE=Unthankful, ungrateful – FALL= "Wrath came on him,.. God left him alone" (32:25,31)

(i.e. let him play out his selfish pursuits; Note Romans 1)

### A FINAL NOTE ON GRACE IN UNEXPECTED PLACES