

# Series: Living For God In A Lost Culture

## Sermon #6: Humility or Humiliation

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**All throughout Esther we see the cancerous effects of pride:**

- Xerxes put his pride on display at a feast to impress important officials
- And his pride was wounded when his wife snubbed him publically
- Then pride ended Xerxes marriage to Queen Vashti
- Mordecai's Pride kept him from bowing to Haman
- His pride led to a death sentence for millions of people
- Haman's pride made him furious when Mordecai wouldn't bow
- His pride led him to sin against innocent people
- Now Haman is suggesting that he be the star of a one-man parade!

### **Pride Detection Questions**

1. Do I crave attention, honor, recognition, reward, and get angry when I'm overlooked...or not listened to?
2. Do I become jealous or critical of people when they succeed?
3. Do I always have to win?
4. Do I lack ambition for fear of failing?
5. Do I have a pattern of lying about or hiding my failures?
6. Do I have a hard time fully acknowledging I was wrong?
7. Do I have a lot of conflict with other people?
8. Do I feel superior to other people?
9. Do I lean more toward an attitude of entitlement or thankfulness?