

## **Do I have PRIDE?**

Do you try to pretend you know how to do something when you really do not?

Do you work too much?

### **ILLUS**

On ABC world news Extreme jobs were highlighted where people work 60+ hour work weeks. This includes 1.7 million Americans. When one man was asked why he worked so many hours he said, "The kind of success I want I don't see any other way to do it." We must redefine success, getting our priorities in order, pouring our lives out in Christ-honoring love and not money-honoring, world-defined success

Do you regularly operate on little to no sleep by design? Psalm 121

Do you get upset when people laugh at something silly you did?

Do you get tense or defensive when someone points something out or corrects you?

Do you crave the praise of others?

Do you labor to impress or to serve?

Do you go days without reading your Bible?

Do you go days without praying?

Do you get embarrassed easily?

Do you get angry easily?

Do you have a critical spirit towards others?

Do you care too much about what you have on?

Do you talk a lot?

Do you fail to listen or interrupt others often, especially your spouse?

➤ Marriages would be stronger if we listened more than we talked.

➤ Small groups would be more open the more we listened

How do you talk about your future?

We are going to do this and then this year we will do this. Or do you say something like James says, "This is what we are doing, if the Lord wills." "Lord willing" is a good phrase. It means we will do this if God permits.

Do you have a hard time asking questions for fear you will look foolish?

Do you have a hard time asking for help?

Do you seek to learn from others? Are you teachable?

Do you try to be new for newness sake?

Do you talk about how much you know?

Do you get anxious?

Do you talk about how much you have done or how well you did something without mentioning God or with the bulk of the emphasis on what you did?

Do you rarely confess your sin?

Or if after reading any of these questions, did you say, "I don't have that problem" without any acknowledgment of God's grace?

...these are just *some* potential revealers of pride