

TITLE: "SinSUAL Power"

OPENING QUESTION: When you hear the word success, what images or achievements immediately come to mind? Have you ever achieved something you thought would satisfy you — but it didn't? What happened?

1 John 2:16- For all that is in the world- the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life- is not of the Father but is of the world.

Power & Position: A sin birthed from PRIDE & ENVY

WORLD'S MEASUREMENTS OF SUCCESS:

HOW I LOOK

(1 Sam. 16:7, Gal. 2:6)

WHAT I HAVE

(Mark 8:38, Luke 12:5)

WHO I KNOW

(Luke 6:26, Gal. 1:10)

QUESTION: "How I look", "What I have", "Who I know". Which of these three pressures do you feel most strongly? How does social media amplify comparison, envy, and pride?

Ecclesiastes 10:6- Fools are put in many high positions...

Galatians 6:4- Each one should test his own actions, then he can take pride in himself without comparing himself with somebody else.

Success Is Determined By:
Knowing How GOD SEES YOU & Living Wth HIGH QUALITY CHARACTER.

LEAVE WORLDLY POWER BEHIND BY

Developing STRONG CONVICTIONS.

Colossians 2:20- "With Christ you have died to the elements of this world. Then why ...do you let others dictate to you?"

QUESTION: What does it mean that you have "died to the elements of this world"? In what areas of your life are you most tempted to let the world "dictate" to you?

Romans 12:2- Don't let the world squeeze you into its own mold, but let God remake you so your while attitude of mind is changed.

QUESTION: How can we practically resist being "squeezed" into the world's mold?



1 John 2:17- The world, and its desires will pass away, but the one who does the will of God lives forever.

Resisting the COMPARING OF MYSELF TO OTHERS.

2 Corinthians 10:12- We do not dare classify or compare ourselves... (it) is not wise.

Galatians 6:4- Let everyone be sure to do his very best, for then he will have the personal satisfaction of work done well, and won't need to compare himself with someone else.

QUESTION: Why is comparison called “not wise”? When you compare yourself to others, what emotions surface? What does “personal satisfaction of work done well” look like in your current season of life?

Recognizing MY UNIQUENESS.

Psalms 139:13- You (God) created every part of me; you put me together in my mother's womb.

Psalms 139:16- You saw me before I was born and scheduled every day of my life before I began to breathe.

QUESTION: What stands out to you about how intentionally God created you? How does believing you are uniquely designed by God fight envy?

Rejoicing in WHAT I HAVE.

Ecclesiastes 6:9- It is better to be satisfied with what you have than to be always wanting something else.

Philippians 4:11- I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. Refocusing on PLEASING GOD.

Colossians 3:2- Set your mind on things above, not on earthly things.

Proverbs 23:17- Don't be envious of sinful people; let reverence for the Lord be the concern of your life. If it is, you have a bright future.

James 4:6-7- But he gives us more grace. That is why scripture says: “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.

QUESTION: Why is contentment so difficult in our culture? Paul says contentment is learned. What do you think the learning process involves? What blessings in your life have you overlooked because you were focused on what you lacked?

CLOSING QUESTIONS

QUESTION: What does it practically mean to “set your mind on things above”? How does reverence for the Lord protect us from envy? Why does Scripture say God opposes the proud? What is the connection between humility and receiving grace?

QUESTION: What area of your life currently needs surrender rather than control?

