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COMMUNITY CHURCH

You'll Want to Avoid This

We all want to be the best versions of ourselves. To do that, we steer clear of things we know will bring us down. There's one thing we *all* need to steer clear of, but it just may be that you're already knee-deep in something without even knowing it.

Discussion Questions

1. If there's one topic or skill that you'd consider yourself an expert in, what would it be?
2. If a person says something around that topic or skill—and you disagree with them—what's your typical posture in responding? Do you keep quiet, ask questions, or correct them?
3. No matter how you responded to the previous question, how can pride be the underlying motive in how you respond?
4. Talk about a situation in which pride caused (or causes) problems for you.
5. Read **Proverbs 11:2**, in both the NIV and The Message translations.
 - What stands out to you?
 - What are some ways to avoid pride?
6. Who can you ask if you have a blind spot surrounding pride? Will you ask them if you sometimes show signs of being prideful?

Changing Your Mind

"The vice I am talking of is pride or self-conceit: and the virtue opposite to it, in Christian morals, is called **humility**...According to Christian teachers, the essential vice, the utmost evil, is pride. Unchastity, anger, greed, drunkenness, and all that, are mere fleabites in comparison: it was through pride that the devil became the devil: Pride leads to every other vice: it is the complete anti-God state of mind." —C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

Pride hurts. Humility helps.