



Character Matters

7 things the Lord hates

SESSION 1

Haughty Eyes (Proverbs 6:17)

II Chronicles 26 - "Uzziah's Hubris"

- 1. Talkback with Pastor Alicia** - After such remarkable success, what led to King Uzziah's downfall? What important life-lesson is the remembrance of his leprosy intended to teach? How do we today convey arrogance or humility with our eyes?
- 2. A Word to the Wise** - Some of us may not be comfortable talking about our loving God having a list of "hates" - but the Hebrew prophets were not so reluctant. Review Psalm 11:5, Jeremiah 12:8, Hosea 9:15, Amos 5:21, Zechariah 8:17, and Malachi 2:16 for evidence of God's hatred. How does the image of an angry God inform our practice of repentance?
- 3. Be Blessed** - Jesus said, "*Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*" (Matthew 5:3) Scriptures throughout the Bible warn against pride, and encourage humility instead (II Samuel 22:28, Obadiah 1:4, Habakkuk 2:4, Zephaniah 3:11, Matthew 23:12, Romans 12:16, Galatians 6:3). How do we call down those in authority who act *high-handedly* (Numbers 15:30) and with obvious arrogance? What have been the best practices or most efficient influencers in helping maintain your own modesty?