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## THE TOUGH TEST OF SUCCESS

**DANIEL 4:1-37 (NLT)**

**TRUTH:** More lives are ruined by success than suffering or stress (Proverbs 27:21).

### I. GOD'S POSITION ON PRIDE

**TRUTH:** Pride brings any man or woman down (Daniel 4:37; Proverbs 6:16).

### II. THE PATH TO A FALL

Two ways:

1. We attribute too much to us (Proverbs 24:30; Daniel 4:30).
2. We ignore the warning signs of heaven:
  - a) Conflict
  - b) Chaos and confusion

### III. THE PATH TO BLESSING

Two things:

1. Repent.

**TRUTH:** Realize life is not all about us. Life is all about Him!

**INSIGHT:** Humility is a choice.

#### **DEFINITIONS:**

PRIDE - Accepting credit for things God and others did through me and for me

HUMILITY - Thinking not less of me, but thinking of me less

**TRUTH:** Humility means a decision to focus on me less and more on others.

2. Serve the poor.

**TRUTH:** Most people of the world would love to be poor in America!

**TRUTH:** The more successful you are, the more you need to stay in touch with the poor (Proverbs 14:21, 14:31, 21:13).

**INVITATION:**

Two steps to recovery...

1. Look up to heaven (Daniel 4:34).
2. Start worshiping Him (Deuteronomy 8).