

Growth Group Bible Study – May 31st

Start the Conversation

In his introduction, Pastor Wade talked about the importance and uniqueness of a person's name. **What are some of the most unique names you have ever heard?**

In our society, names often have deep meaning and significance. Spend a few minutes allowing each person to share about their name. **What is the meaning of your name? Were you named after someone specific? Why did your parents choose the name they gave you?**

Turn to the Bible

Read Proverbs 22:1. According to *The Bible Knowledge Commentary* on this verse, "Riches are useless if in gaining them one ruins his character." **What do you think about that statement?** (cf. Prov 1:19)

A great deal of this week's sermon focused on a person's character. Character and reputation are very important issues in God's metric for success. **What do we learn about character and reputation from these Old Testament passages?**

- Proverbs 3:1-4, 7
- Proverbs 24:8-9
- Proverbs 25:9-10
- Jeremiah 14:7, 20-21

When conveying the qualifications for becoming a leader in the church, Paul included the need to have a good reputation in his list. Read 1 Timothy 3:1-8. **In regard to a person's reputation, what did Paul write in the following verses?**

- 1 Timothy 3:2
- 1 Timothy 3:7
- 1 Timothy 3:8

Make a Plan

There is a plaque on Pastor Wade's desk that says: "Reputation is made in a moment: character is built in a lifetime." This week's message focused on **abiding in Christ** and **eliminating habitual sin** from our lives. **What habitual sin do you need to eliminate from your life?**

Pastor Wade shared an Eight-Step process for repentance based on Psalm 51. Here's a [link](#) to that article. **Will you take the time to walk through that process to eliminate your habitual sin?**