



**Lesson 50 (1 Samuel 22:6-11): Manipulation and Lies**

Read Titus 2:3-5. What are older women to demonstrate?

Make a vertical list of the attributes to be modeled here. (I count 10). Next to each characteristic/behavior, write examples of what that would look like. For example, what kinds of behaviors would fall under “reverent”?

Read Proverbs 16: 27-29. What does a dishonest man spread? What does one who whispers falsehoods cause to happen? Why?

Read Proverbs 22:24-25. Who are we not to make friends with? Why is this dangerous?

Read Proverbs 27:5-6. What might be an example of a “faithful wound of a friend”? Why would kisses from an enemy be dangerous?

Read John 15:12-17. What does Jesus command us to do here?

What is the greatest example of a friend?

How has Jesus shown that He is our greatest friend?

Who was it that initiated your friendship with Jesus, according to these verses?

What does that tell you about how he feels about you?

Read Philippians 2:3-4. What does selfish ambition look like in your life?

What would it look like to consider others first?

What might you have to give up or let go of to do this?

As you spend time with God today, seriously consider what selfish ambition and vain conceit are doing in your heart and in your relationships today. Take a step back and ask God to show those to you, and to remind you of the grace He has showered on you, and how He asks you to shower that grace on those around you.

Ask Him to help you to see the ways you (intentionally or unintentionally) manipulate others to get your way, and ask Him to help you to change those things in your heart and in your life. You can't do it alone; ask Him to give you the strength and wisdom to go about this pruning.