



# EMPTY PROMISES

## **Empty Promises - Power Hungry**

If you could have any powerful position, what would it be and why?

### **Read: Daniel 4**

What went wrong in Nebuchadnezzar's life? What were the red flags that would have told him trouble was ahead?

Why was it easy to ignore them?

Have you ever ignored the red flags in your life?

Timothy Keller states: "Idols of power are not only for the powerful. You can pursue power in small, petty ways..." How have you experienced this in others? Have you ever saw this in yourself?

How do your own petty power grabs affect your life?

Much of our addiction to power and control is due to false conceptions of God. How can a false perception of God allow us to think we are "masters of our fate"?

Nebuchadnezzar had taken personal credit for his rise to prominence. Read 1 Corinthians 4:6-7. How does remembering this truth prevent us from "taking pride in one man over against another"?

Is the desire for power ever good? Why or why not?

**Read: 1 Timothy 3:1-13**

Does Paul say that the desire for power is good here?

Why do these qualities need to be present in the lives of people of power?

As believers, called by God to live a purposeful life, aren't we all called to live like Paul describes to Timothy?

**Read: John 13:14-17**

What does Jesus's example here tell us about how to handle our desire for power?

Take time to pray that God would not only reveal our own power issues, but that we would be able to act on the things God is calling us to.