



**It's Demo Day!**  
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1. There is one thing we absolutely MUST take a sledgehammer to: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Every one of us has a decidedly self-serving bias.
  - *The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?* Jeremiah 17:9
  - We accept more responsibility for \_\_\_\_\_ than for \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Our \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ are favorably biased
  - We are \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ – “If I did it, it must be right!”
  - *“Investigate my life, O God”* Psalm 139:23-24
3. Jesus introduced the upside down kingdom – \_\_\_\_\_ is the key to fixing up our relationships.  
*In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus.*  
Philippians 2:5

MY NAME IS PRIDE. I AM A CHEATER.  
I cheat you of your God-given destiny...  
because you demand your own way.  
I cheat you of contentment...  
because you “deserve better than this.”  
I cheat you of knowledge...  
because you already know it all.  
I cheat you of healing...  
because you are too full of you to forgive.  
I cheat you of holiness...  
because you refuse to admit when you are wrong.  
I cheat you of vision...  
because you’d rather look in the mirror than out a window.  
I cheat you of genuine friendship...  
because nobody’s going to know the real you.  
I cheat you of love...  
because real romance demands sacrifice.  
I cheat you of greatness in heaven...  
because you refuse to wash another’s feet on earth.  
I cheat you of God’s glory...  
because I convinced you to seek your own.  
My name is Pride. I am a cheater.  
You like me because you think I’m always looking out for you.  
Untrue.  
I’m looking to make a fool of you.  
God has so much for you, I admit, but don’t worry...  
If you stick with me you’ll never know.

*Beth Moore*

*Application:*

1. In what ways does pride show up in me?
2. In what ways does pride disguise itself in me?
3. When am I going to let God take a sledgehammer to my pride? How will I let Him do that?