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### INTRODUCTION

We all want to be known for something. Whether it's for being successful or influential or something else we see as impressive, we spend a lot of time and energy projecting an image of ourselves that we think will gain us acceptance from others. But this isn't who we really are, and if we aren't careful, we'll end up going through life without being truly known by anyone. And this will rob us of ever knowing true acceptance.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What do you want to be known for?
2. How do you practice image management?
3. Read James 5:16. Do you let anyone know about your struggles? Is there anyone who truly knows you and can accurately pray for you?
4. Read Hebrews 10:24-25. How can we encourage each other? How can we push each other to deal with the shortcomings we try to hide?
5. Read Galatians 6:1-3. What does it look like to be "gentle" with each other's shortcomings? How can we carry each other's burdens, those things that we shouldn't carry alone?
6. Read Romans 14:1 and 15:7. How can we do a better job of accepting people where they are and then helping them grow into who they need to be?

### THINK ABOUT IT

How do you fill in the gaps between the person you project to others and who you really are? Do you give partial information or stretch the truth or bring up your successes every chance you get? Watch yourself this week and look for signs of image management.

### WHAT WILL YOU DO?

How can you be more transparent? How can you make your real self known to others?

### CHANGING YOUR MIND

*Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.* Romans 15:7