

## The Path to Impurity

“Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.” (Gal. 5.7)

Often in the Scriptures, specific sins are mentioned in groups.

- I Sam. 15.23— \_\_\_\_\_ and witchcraft
- I Cor. 6.9-12— fornicators, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and revilers
- Eph. 5.3-5— fornication, \_\_\_\_\_, filthiness, \_\_\_\_\_
- I Thess. 4.3-7— fornication, concupiscence, and defrauding
- Rom. 13.13— rioting, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_

Spiritual decline was the \_\_\_\_\_ ailment that allowed David to be \_\_\_\_\_ to temptation, but there were other obvious troubles in his life as well. Sin often occurs this way. What may seem to be a \_\_\_\_\_ sowing of sin, produces \_\_\_\_\_ fruit! David’s spiritual decline produced other evil \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_— David \_\_\_\_\_ the will of God. *It is never a trifling matter to forsake the post of obligation, even if menial.* He left to others what should have been his responsibility. Delegation of authority can be a good thing, but you can not \_\_\_\_\_ away your *responsibility* to the will of God. Some may think that this idleness is a result of \_\_\_\_\_. Surely, weariness of the flesh can negatively \_\_\_\_\_ the mind’s ability to focus on the Truths of the Word (I Kings 19). It is important that a believer has physical rest, but rest should not be pursued at the cost of spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ (Prov. 24.30-34). Weariness is NEVER an \_\_\_\_\_ to forsake our responsibility. We are called to \_\_\_\_\_ hardness (II Tim. 2.3) during times of difficulty. Once before, David sought rest, and it nearly cost him his life (I Sam. 21.10-15). This idleness made a \_\_\_\_\_ to David’s flesh (Rom. 13.14).

\_\_\_\_\_ **in Ease**— His idleness promoted him to tarry at Jerusalem. Jerusalem was the place of safety, \_\_\_\_\_, and applause. He was loved, appreciated, and praised in Jerusalem. It was in this place of luxury

that David remained while others went forth into the battle. No doubt, this contributed to the \_\_\_\_\_ of his spiritual armor. He was concerned with the \_\_\_\_\_ of the flesh not the darts of evil (Eph. 6). Every believer should be extra \_\_\_\_\_ during times of ease.

\_\_\_\_\_ - He is not surrounded by \_\_\_\_\_ influence but is by himself. This roof would later be a place of greater iniquity (II Sam. 16.22). Some may be reminded that even Christ was in isolation (solitude) at times. It must be remembered that when Christ was in solitude, He was not in \_\_\_\_\_. The combination of both isolation and idleness is \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ are commended in Scripture (I Thess. 4.11, II Thess. 3.11). Having the \_\_\_\_\_ of a dedicated believer could have been an aid to David during this time.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Lust** - The wandering of David’s mind is on clear display. The Scripture states, “He \_\_\_\_\_, he \_\_\_\_\_, he \_\_\_\_\_, and he \_\_\_\_\_. Sin ALWAYS begins in the \_\_\_\_\_. The lust percolated in his mind, and his will submitted to it (James 1.13-16) Earlier, David penned, “\_\_\_\_\_ away mine \_\_\_\_\_ from beholding vanity” (Psa. 119.37). Yet, now his mind is captivated in illicit imagination. These imaginations produce a strong temptation. There is only one antidote for this temptation — the Word of God (II Cor. 10.3-5). It ALONE has the \_\_\_\_\_ to cast down (demolish) these imaginations! Oh, that David’s mind would have \_\_\_\_\_ on the Word (Psa. 119.15,23,27,97,99), for then he would have \_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_ way (Psa. 119.104).

\_\_\_\_\_ - Because he was not walking in the Spirit the strength of his \_\_\_\_\_ is last line of \_\_\_\_\_. Any trust of the flesh during a time of temptation is a \_\_\_\_\_ support system. Believers will only be as \_\_\_\_\_ as their \_\_\_\_\_ on the Word of God (Gal. 5.16-17). Yet, when we are haphazard, inconsistent, and ignorant of the Word, sin will soon \_\_\_\_\_ (Rom. 7.18). Our strength to stand against the wiles of the Devil (Eph. 6.13) is \_\_\_\_\_ upon His power (Eph. 6.10).

God WILL NOT allow His children to \_\_\_\_\_ successfully and evade consequences. He chastens every \_\_\_\_\_ that He loveth (Heb. 12.6). David’s path to impurity would surely have been thwarted had he looked \_\_\_\_\_ to the Word of God!