

Lessons from the Life of David

Peeping Tom or Open Window Shade

2 Samuel 11:1-4

In the spring, at the time when kings go off to war, David sent Joab out with the king's men and the whole Israelite army. They destroyed the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained in Jerusalem. One evening David got up from his bed and walked around on the roof of the palace. From the roof he saw a woman bathing. The woman was very beautiful, and David sent someone to find out about her. The man said, "Isn't this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam and the wife of Uriah the Hittite?" Then David sent messengers to get her. She came to him, and he slept with her.

What led David to do this?

He lusted.

Genesis 2:24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

Deut. 17:17: He must not take many wives, or his heart will be led astray....

Job 31:9, 11: “If my heart has been enticed by a woman, or if I have lurked at my neighbor’s door....that would have been wicked, a sin to be judged.”

Matt. 5:27-28: 27 “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

What led David to do this?

He lusted.

No accountability.

Proverbs 27:17: *As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.*

Hebrews 10:24-25: *And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another.....*

James 5:16: *Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.*

Church Accountability

(Barna: Aug, 2010)

Surveyed 1000 people age 18 and older.
Ninety percent said they were Christian.

“Does the church that you attend most often do anything specific to hold you, personally, accountable for intergrating your faith into your daily life?”

Only 5% said yes!

Church Accountability

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Christians held accountable.

accountable to a small group-----	34%
accountable to an individual-----	19%
accountable to a minister-----	10%
accountable to congregation-----	8%
limit or revoke membership-----	21%
complete assignments-----	16%

Why isn't accountability more common in Church?

Distaste for confrontation & conflict.

Concern for reputation.

Avoid appearing judgemental.

Eroded Christian standards.

American individualism.

What led David to do this?

He lusted.

No accountability.

He was idle.

Genesis 2:15: The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.

Proverbs 18:9: One who is slack in his work is brother to one who destroys.

What led David to do this?

He lusted.

No accountability.

He was idle.

He did not run.

2 Timothy 2:22: Now flee from youthful lusts, and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.

1 Peter 5:8: Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

The Coverup

2 Samuel 11:6-9. So David sent this word to Joab: "Send me Uriah the Hittite." ----- So Uriah left the palace, and a gift from the king was sent after him. But Uriah slept at the entrance to the palace with all his master's servants and did not go down to his house.

2 Samuel 11:14-15 In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it with Uriah. In it he wrote, "Put Uriah in the front line where the fighting is fiercest. Then withdraw from him so he will be struck down and die."

What was David's sin?

You shall not covet (your neighbor's wife)

You shall have no other gods before me. ("Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality.....which is idolatry. Col. 3:5)

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

You shall not steal.

- You shall not murder.

What are the lessons here?

All of us sin.

Satan exploits our weaknesses.

Extrication from sin is difficult.

Sin has consequences.

There is always a payday
someday!

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next week

Confrontation, Confession,
Consequences, and Compassion