

Daily Devotional



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■ day one { mistake #1: 2 Samuel 11:1 }

When has being at the wrong place at the wrong time gotten you in trouble? Have you thought about why you were there in the first place? The things that combined to allow David to fall into sin were: Neglect of Duty, Idle Time and Success. How could these things contribute to your trouble? Trouble may sometimes be unavoidable if we stay where we belong.

■ day two { mistake #2: 2 Samuel 11:2 }

Can you think of a time when you had an opportunity to walk away from a temptation before the trouble began? Do you know why you did or didn't? Read Phil. 4:6-9 and 2 Cor. 10:3-5. What does God have to say about it? What does it mean to make our thoughts obedient to God? Meditate on why this is important in avoiding temptation.

■ day three { mistake #3: 2 Samuel 11:3 }

Has God ever put someone in the path of your temptation to stop you? The information that David received from his soldier about Bathsheba should have stopped him in his tracks. But it didn't. Has someone stopped you in your tracks or did you continue? Read James 1:15. Sin is always progressive.

■ day four { mistake #4: 2 Samuel 11:4-5 }

Do you think it is easier for you to fall into temptation when everything is going well? Why do you think that is? Our most vulnerable times are not always when life is difficult. Those are the times we lean most on God. It is when we think we are unaccountable that trouble comes. Is there an area of your life that you feel that you can handle things that come along? But the devil only lets us see the fun and excitement, never the consequences.

■ day five { mistake #5: 2 Samuel 11:6-25 }

Has falling into sin ever made you commit another sin to cover it up? When people find themselves under the grip of sin, they will try every method to keep their sin hidden. God's way is openness and confession. Read Proverbs 28:13 and 1 John 1:9. Remember sin will take you where you do not want to go; keep you longer than you want to stay and cost you more than you want to pay. Read 2 Samuel 11:27. But also remember that God is there and He forgives when we come to Him in repentance.

■ a word from the writers

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