

Four Dangerous Steps

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2 Samuel 11:1-19

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Four Little Steps to Death

- Most of us don't think we could murder someone or plot?
- King David would have been voted least likely to sin...
- Did he shirk his duty? *When kings go out to battle...*
- David didn't plan this... *it happened late one afternoon...*
- Remember David was chosen by God a man after God's own heart!
- Beware of the danger of sin - James 1:15 - this is life & death!
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The First Dangerous Step - Shirking Our Duty

- David didn't plan this, he simply did nothing
- David as king had duty^{158:20}
- We were created by God to work for His glory
- Lie: pleasing ourselves will make us happy^{smells of smoke}
- Jesus taught us to serve Him to save our lives^{Mark8:34-35}
- 4 G's of Gospel living are so helpful:
 - God is Great - so I don't have to be in control - He is!
 - God is Glorious - so I don't have to fear others - fear Him!
 - God is Good-so I don't have to look elsewhere- God is all I need!
 - God is Gracious - so I don't have to prove myself - I'm accepted in Jesus by faith alone!
- Gospel yourself daily in these truths!

Step Two: Indulging the Flesh

- David likely didn't go to the roof to spy on pretty women
- Bathsheba likely didn't bath so others would see her
- David saw and didn't look away - he indulged himself
- Eyes can get us in trouble^{Gen3:6} Adam & Eve lived by sight not faith
- David's sin was to inquire and entertain ideas
- Married=adultery; wife of faithful mighty man...

Step Three: Acting on our Impulses

- David committed 3 kinds of Adultery^{TimChester}
- Spiritual Adultery
 - our relationship with Christ is like a marriage^{Eph5:32;Rev19:7}
 - disobedience=something more precious than God
- Heart Adultery
 - Jesus taught it starts in the heart^{Mt5:27-28}
 - beware of the "if-only" thinking of our wicked heart
- Physical Adultery
 - narrator is brief⁴ - but it is sin
 - David caused his servants to sin "pimp" for him
 - Why did no servant speak up? "Really just coffee with her?"
 - Probably thoughts before were better than actual sin^{Rom7:10-11;Prv5:3}

Step Four: Hiding the Sin

- *the woman conceived* - David's sin was to be public
- So David begins the coverup - get Uriah to sleep with his wife
- That failure leads to David plotting Uriah's murder

The Warnings & Lessons

- 1) we can use this as a shelter behind which we hide - David sinned
- This even cost David dearly^{Ps32:3-4}
- 2) this passage can trigger accusations - you are condemned in sin
- David got the Gospel after confession^{Ps32:1-2} wrote^{Psalm103:10-12}
- Beware how easy it is to fall into sin - be every vigilant!^{Jer17:9;2Cor10:5}
- God in the mystery of His providence overcomes the effects of sin and shame and He never abandons His own^{Heb4:14-16}