

Living Word Fellowship Church

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Secrets

A. Secrets are Destructive (2 Samuel 11-18):

1. David's secret of violating Bathsheba led to the death of her husband Uriah (2 Sam. 11:6-25).
 - a) A loyal man's life is destroyed (2 Sam. 11:10-13).
 - b) Bathsheba mourns the death of her husband (2 Sam. 11:26-27).
 - c) David family members suffer eventually leading to the death of two sons (2 Sam. 12:10-11):

B. Secrets can Shape our Character (Genesis 27:5-29; Acts 5:1-11):

1. Selfish motives corrupts a good conversation (Gen. 27:5-10).
2. Selfish motives can corrupt those around us (Gen. 27:11-12).
3. Secrets creates lies (Gen. 27:13), inviting Satan to join in (John 8:44).
4. Secrets can cause someone to become deceptive (Gen. 27:14-17; Acts 5:1-11):
 - a) Ananias and Sapphira became secretive about the sale of their property so that they can violate the commitment they made to the church. This created deception for those who sacrificed all they had to care for the needs of the church (Acts 5:36). Satan was now influences them to persist in their lies and deception.
5. Secrets are stimulated by selfish ambitions (Gen. 27:18-29).
 - a) Selfish ambitions as a result are disruptive and destructive (Judas; Matt. 26:14-16 – when to the priest and sold Jesus for thirty pieces of silver).
 - Judas taught he can be secretive while eating the Lord's Supper. He did understand (deceived by Satan; John 8:44); *"For there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; neither hid, that shall not be known."* (Matt. 10:26; Ephesians 5:11-13).
 - b) Selfish ambitions become demonic (James 3:15-18).
 - c) Selfish ambitions can be very deceptive especially when those involved include God's name. David's mighty men told him God told them that he should go and kill Saul when Saul was asleep in the cave (1 Sam. 26:8).

C. Secrets Cover Up Sin (Joshua 7; 2 Kings 5:20-27):

1. Like Ananias and Sapphira, Achan was controlled by greed and sinned against God (Joshua 7:16-21). Achan's sin destroyed many lives including his family (Josh. 7:2-4; 22-26).
2. Gehazi secretly pursued gifts from Naaman and then lied about it; 2 Kings 5:20-27.
3. When we willfully sin against God it is the nature of sin that we function in secret (Acts 5:1-11).

4. *"He who conceals his transgressions will not prosper, But he who confesses and forsakes them will find compassion." (Prov. 28:13; NASU)*

D. Secrets Are Never Under Cover (Deut. 29:29):

1. *"The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our sons forever, that we may observe all the words of this law." (Deut. 29:29; NASU)*
2. *"And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do." (Heb 4:13; NASU)*
3. *"For nothing is hidden that will not become evident, nor anything secret that will not be known and come to light." (Lk 8:17; NASU)*
4. *"For God will bring every act to judgment, everything which is hidden, whether it is good or evil." (Eccl. 12:14; NASU)*

The truth always fights for itself