

2 Samuel 11:1-27

Focused on God and Being Busy and Useful

A friend of mine recently told me that a recipe to happiness is being focused on God and being busy and useful.

In your life today are your days focused on God and others or self?

Are you busy and useful or a bit lazy?

In your downtime do you honor God or self-medicate with sin?

Is there pride in your life now?

Is there sexual sin in your life now?

Proverbs 21:2-5 *Every way of a man is right in his own eyes, but the Lord weighs the heart. 3 To do righteousness and justice is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice. 4 Haughty eyes and a proud heart, the lamp of the wicked, are sin. 5 The plans of the diligent lead surely to abundance, but everyone who is hasty comes only to poverty.*

Vs 1-5 David did not go out to battle. David is being lazy.

David was not being busy and useful. David was being prideful and lazy.

2 Thessalonians 3:10 *For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat.*

Proverbs 10:4 *A slack hand causes poverty, but the hand of the diligent makes rich.*

Colossians 3:23 *Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men*

David woke up from a nap. He was hanging out on the porch. He saw a pretty woman and researched to find out who she was and take her. David was married. This woman was married. This was a premeditated sin.

Exodus 20:14 *“You shall not commit adultery.*

Leviticus 20:10 *“If a man commits adultery with the wife of his neighbor, both the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death.*

Deuteronomy 5:18 *““And you shall not commit adultery.*

Proverbs 6:32 *He who commits adultery lacks sense; he who does it destroys himself.*

Matthew 5:27-30 *“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ 28 But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his*

heart. 29 If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. 30 And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.

Bathsheba was married to a leader in David's army. This was not just adultery. This was pride, selfishness, theft, murder, adultery, and it could even be argued that it was rape.

It is important to note that Bathsheba was bathing and cleansing herself ritually. She honored the rules of God. It is possible that she was unclean from her monthly cycle. It could also be possible that Uriah, her husband, had been gone for a long time. This is important because she knows and understands that this is David's child.

When you sin do you quickly repent or do you continue in sin, shame, guilt, and deception?

Matthew 3:8 *Bear fruit in keeping with repentance.*

Vs 6-13 David's response to adultery and Bathsheba being pregnant was not to repent. It was to cover his sin and to commit murder.

What sin(s) in your life now are you protecting instead of bringing to light and repenting.

Luke 13:5 *No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish."*

Luke 15:7 *Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.*

Luke 15:10 *Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.*

David acted like he was interested in the war and his brave and strong soldier Uriah. He thought that if he sent this man home, he would be with his wife. Uriah was honorable. He did not go to his wife. David responded to Uriah's honor with deception and having him killed.

Vs 14-21 David's men were worried about getting in trouble for losing, and these men wanted David to know that this happened because David had told them to get Uriah close to the battle. David's sin impacted others. They had to follow orders.

How is your sin hurting others or pushing them toward sin?

Vs 22-27 David had no remorse and tried to justify his actions of killing Uriah to his soldiers.

David married Bathsheba. God saw all that David had done and it displeased the Lord.

What are you doing now that displeases the Lord? He sees you and desires for you to repent. Are you willing to repent, or are you going to keep going, keep blaming situations, and justifying your sin and bad actions?

2 Peter 3:9 *The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.*