

Introduction

- Often we wonder why people lose everything, including their soul, being distracted and enticed by sin?
- Answer – sin is deceiving – it presents us with a desirable result but provides destruction
- The immediate pleasure of sin disguises the physical and spiritual destruction that comes

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Surrendering or Resisting The Deceptive Nature of Sin

Instead of being deceived by the pleasure of sin, we can choose to resist it by submitting to Jesus

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- But, we have the choice of either surrendering to or resisting deceitful sin
- To resist, we must willingly and joyously submit to Christ, who is more valuable than anything we might temporarily acquire by sin

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God Gave Solomon Wisdom Greater Than All

1Ki 3:7 "Now, O LORD my God, You have made Your servant king in place of my father David, yet I am but a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in.

1Ki 3:8 "Your servant is in the midst of Your people which You have chosen, a great people who are too many to be numbered or counted.

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1Ki 3:9 "So give Your servant an understanding heart to judge Your people to discern between good and evil. For who is able to judge this great people of Yours?"

1Ki 3:11 God said to him, "Because you have asked this thing and have not asked for yourself long life, nor have asked riches for yourself, nor have you asked for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself discernment to understand justice,

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1Ki 3:12 behold, I have done according to your words. Behold, I have given you a wise and discerning heart, so that there has been no one like you before you, nor shall one like you arise after you.

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Wise Solomon Surrenders To Deceitful Flesh

1Ki 11:1 Now King Solomon loved many foreign women along with the daughter of Pharaoh: Moabite, Ammonite, Edomite, Sidonian, and Hittite women,

1Ki 11:2 from the nations concerning which the LORD had said to the sons of Israel, "You shall not associate with them, nor shall they associate with you, *for* they will surely turn your heart away after their gods."

Solomon held fast to these in love. 7

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1Ki 11:3 He had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines, and his wives turned his heart away.

1Ki 11:4 For when Solomon was old, his wives turned his heart away after other gods; and his heart was not wholly devoted to the LORD his God, as the heart of David his father *had been*.

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1Ki 11:5 For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians and after Milcom the detestable idol of the Ammonites.

1Ki 11:6 Solomon did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, and did not follow the LORD fully, as David his father *had done*.

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1Ki 11:7 Then Solomon built a high place for Chemosh the detestable idol of Moab, on the mountain which is east of Jerusalem, and for Molech the detestable idol of the sons of Ammon.

1Ki 11:8 Thus also he did for all his foreign wives, who burned incense and sacrificed to their gods.

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Initially, Saul Chose Humility Before God

1Sa 9:21 Saul replied, "Am I not a Benjamite, of the smallest of the tribes of Israel, and my family the least of all the families of the tribe of Benjamin? Why then do you speak to me in this way?"

1Sa 10:22 Therefore they inquired further of the LORD, "Has the man come here yet?" So the LORD said, "Behold, he is hiding himself by the baggage."

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Saul Surrenders To Pride, Rebellion, Jealousy and Suicide

1Sa 15:3 "Now go and strike Amalek and utterly destroy all that he has, and do not spare him; but put to death both man and woman, child and infant, ox and sheep, camel and donkey."

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1Sa 15:20 Then Saul said to Samuel, "I did obey the voice of the LORD, and went on the mission on which the LORD sent me, and have brought back Agag the king of Amalek, and have utterly destroyed the Amalekites.

1Sa 15:21 "But the people took *some* of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the choicest of the things devoted to destruction, to sacrifice to the LORD your God at Gilgal." 13

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1Sa 15:22 Samuel said, "Has the LORD as much delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices As in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, *And* to heed than the fat of rams.

1Sa 15:23 "For rebellion is as the sin of divination, And insubordination is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, He has also rejected you from *being* king." 14

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1Sa 18:7 The women sang as they played, and said, "Saul has slain his thousands, And David his ten thousands."

1Sa 18:8 Then Saul became very angry, for this saying displeased him; and he said, "They have ascribed to David ten thousands, but to me they have ascribed thousands. Now what more can he have but the kingdom?" 15

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1Sa 31:4 Then Saul said to his armor bearer, "Draw your sword and pierce me through with it, otherwise these uncircumcised will come and pierce me through and make sport of me." But his armor bearer would not, for he was greatly afraid. So Saul took his sword and fell on it. 16

Judas Surrenders To Covetousness, Betrayal and Suicide

Joh 12:4 But Judas Iscariot, one of His disciples, who was intending to betray Him, *said,

Joh 12:5 "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and given to poor *people*?"

Joh 12:6 Now he said this, not because he was concerned about the poor, but because he was a thief, and as he had the money box, he used to pilfer what was put into it. 17

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Mat 26:14 Then one of the twelve, named Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests

Mat 26:15 and said, "What are you willing to give me to betray Him to you?" And they weighed out thirty pieces of silver to him.

Mat 26:48 Now he who was betraying Him gave them a sign, saying, "Whomever I kiss, He is the one; seize Him."

Mat 26:49 Immediately Judas went to Jesus and said, "Hail, Rabbi!" and kissed Him. 18

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Mat 27:4 saying, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." But they said, "What is that to us? See *to that* yourself!"

Mat 27:5 And he threw the pieces of silver into the temple sanctuary and departed; and he went away and hanged himself.

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We Can Resist Deceitful Sin Through Christ

Col 3:1 Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

Col 3:2 Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth.

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Col 3:3 For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

Col 3:4 When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory.

Col 3:5 Therefore consider the members of your earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry.

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Php 3:5 circumcised the eighth day, of the nation of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the Law, a Pharisee;

Php 3:6 as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to the righteousness which is in the Law, found blameless.

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Php 3:7 But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ.

Php 3:8 More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ,

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Mar 10:28 Peter began to say to Him, "Behold, we have left everything and followed You."

Mar 10:29 Jesus said, "Truly I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or farms, for My sake and for the gospel's sake,

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Mar 10:30 but that he will receive a hundred times as much now in the present age, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and farms, along with persecutions; and in the age to come, eternal life.