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**TITLE: Program 32 – The Do's And Don'ts When You Are Tempted**

### **TUESDAY**

#### **OPEN**

You have the Word of the Lord. God is speaking to you. Not because I'm some prophet or anything, God is speaking to you because I'm reading you His Word. Because we're going through it verse by verse. This is the Word of God. You've heard it. You've heard what God says about immorality. You've heard that your sins are going to find you out. You've heard what is evil. You've heard about a godly sorrow that leads to repentance and a worldly sorrow that leads to regret and leads to death. You've heard it. Now are you going to listen or are you not going to listen?

#### **PART ONE**

The desire to go ahead and to have sexual relations outside of marriage or to have sexual relations with someone other than the one that you're married to: we've looked at that. We've looked at David, David who was married, David who had numerous wives, but David who desired the wife of another

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man. David, who took Bathsheba, Uriah's wife, for himself. We saw how, instead of confessing his sin, how he tried to cover his sin and how eventually he had Uriah put to death. Now, as God says, David's sins have found him out. And you can know this that your sins will find you out also. When David is confronted with his sin, by Nathan the prophet, we do find David finally doing what he should have done a long time ago. We find David confessing his sin. Nathan comes and he confronts him. And he says in verse 10 of 2 Samuel, chapter 12, "Now therefore, the sword shall never depart from your house, because you [have] despised Me and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife." Let me just stop and say this: All this immorality that you see on the movie screens, all the immorality that you see on television, all these blasphemous talk shows and TV shows that just are as raunchy as they can get, as sexually perverted as they can be, all of these are like slapping a holy God in the face. And you slap Him and immediately He doesn't slap you back, so you think that you get away with it. But you can know this, as Numbers 32:23 says, "Be ye sure, your sins will find you out." When I just flick the dial and come across MTV and I see some of that music and I see the gross immorality that is being put before people in words and in song, which just causes us to remember it even more, my heart grieves, my heart grieves for Madonna. My heart grieves for other musicians like that, because there is a day of reckoning coming. They think they're getting away with it. You think they're going to get away with it. You think that they're prospering. And the thing that Psalm 73 says, it looks like they're prospering. It looks like they're at ease. It looks like they are wealth and fat with their riches, so to speak. But they don't realize that a day is coming, a day of reckoning is coming. That day of reckoning came with David. A man that God would say is "a man after My own heart." That day of reckoning came. And he says, "Thus says the Lord, 'Behold I will raise up evil against you from your own household.'" David would be pursued by his son Absalom. David would weep eventually and say, "Absalom,

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Absalom, O Absalom, my son.” From his own household would come his enemies. “I will even take your wives before your eyes and give them to your companion and he shall lie with your wives in broad daylight. You did this in the dark. This man’s going to lie with your wife in broad daylight. Indeed you did it secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel and under the sun. Not under the cover of night, but in the brightness of the day.” Then David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the Lord.” Finally he confesses. He and watch what Nathan says. Now remember Nathan is a spokesman for the Lord. Then Nathan said to David, “The Lord also has taken away your sin.” When we confess our sins, God separates them as far as the east is from the west. God puts them behind His back. God remembers them no more. God takes away our sin. But you know what? The sin goes, but there is a consequence to sin. I want to take you to James, chapter 1. James is talking about trials. It opens up and it says, “When you encounter various trials, I want you to rejoice. And I want you to know that the trial of your faith works patience and it’s going make you into a man, into a woman of God.” Now that trial, that word for trial can also be temptation. And so he let’s them know, James, chapter 1, verse 12. “Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved...” That word “approved” is “dokimos” in the Greek. “D-o-k-i-m-o-s”, the New Testament was originally written in the Koine Greek, the common Greek language of the day. And dokimos means to put to the test for the purpose of approving. And so he says, you go through this trial and when you persevere under that trial, when you don’t yield, when you don’t give into to temptation, when you stand and you’re strong and you’re courageous and you do what’s right and you don’t turn to the right and you don’t turn to the left, then you are approved. And it says, “And you will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.” I love that verse in 2 Corinthians, chapter 5 that says, “The love of Christ constrains us, it shuts us up to one purpose.” Constrains means shuts us up to one purpose. It means it puts a wall on this

side and a wall on that side and its brick and it's high and you can't get over it and it shuts you up. Loving God, that's the key. If you love God, then you don't want to break God's heart. You don't want to hurt Him. Well, let me go on in James, chapter 1. In verse 13, it says this, "Let no man say when he is tempted, 'I'm being tempted by God.'" Don't say, "God's allowed this temptation. God wants me to leave my wife and marry this woman. God wants me to leave my husband and marry this man. God knows that we love each other. We're just not going to get married right now. Some day we will. It's all right for us to move in together. It's all right. I've got God's permission." No you don't! You are deceived. You are believing a lie. God never alters His Word. God is immutable. He's unchangeable. And every word that comes out of His mouth stands sure and firm, not one jot, not one tittle of the law, and those are those little marks over Hebrew characters, shall ever be changed. It will all be fulfilled. So don't delude yourself. And if somebody's trying to delude you and say, "It's God's will that I leave you and I marry this woman, or it's God's will that she move in and that both of you become my wives." Listen, don't listen to that. That is a lie from Satan. Now, he says, "Let no one say when he's tempted, 'I'm being tempted by God,' for God cannot be tempted by evil and He Himself does not tempt anyone. But everyone is tempted...when he is carried away and enticed by his own lusts." The reason you're being tempted is because of lust inside. Now for you to be tempted is not a sin. It's not a sin until you yield. Either you mentally yield and you do the act in your mind or you physically yield and you do the act in your body. He says, "But when lust has conceived...." In other words, when lust bites the hook, it's a term that's used for going fishing, it's like Satan is sitting on the bank of the river. He wants you. He knows your weakness. He knows how to get you. He baits the hook with something that you're going to like. And he throws it in the water and then he begins to reel it in slowly. You're the little fish swimming around. All of a sudden you spot this moving thing and you begin to drool. It is your desire.

It is what you like. It's what you are used to. You know that you shouldn't have it. But the little fish swims and follows that bait and all of a sudden grabs the bait. Satan feels it. He sets the hook. And then he begins to reel you in. What's the consequence? Listen to what he says. He says, "When lust has conceived..." in other words, when you bite the hook, "...it gives birth to sin." In other words, being tempted is not a sin. Yielding to temptation is a sin. So it gives birth to sin. They bring the baby in. They lay the baby in your arms. What are you going to name the baby? I remember as a young nurse in nurses' training, and I loved to go up to the autopsy room. We weren't supposed to. But the guys would let me in and I would get to watch what they did. And I remember I was going up one day and all of a sudden one of orderlies got on the elevator with me and he had a little package wrapped up and the orderly looked absolutely ashen, absolutely sick, nauseated. And I said, "Are you all right?" And he said, "Not really." And I said, "What's wrong?" He said, "You should see what I have wrapped in this package." What he had wrapped in that package, so to speak, was exactly, in a sense, what you name the baby when you give birth to sin. The orderly looked at me and he said, "Kay, this is a baby and it's the most grotesque thing I've ever seen in my life. It makes me sick when I think of what it looks like." Sin makes you sick once it's conceived.

## **PART TWO**

What do you name the baby that happens when lust conceives and it gives birth to sin? Listen to what it says. It says, "Then when lust is conceived it gives birth to sin. And when sin is accomplished it brings forth death." That's what happened when David sinned. It brought forth death. It brought forth the death of Uriah. It brought forth the death of the other men that were caught in that battle that never should have happened, that strategy that never should have been done. But it also brought forth death because out of David's union with Bathsheba, a child was born. And the child died. Listen

to what it says. “So Nathan went to his house then the Lord struck the child that Uriah’s widow bore to David, so that he was very sick.” And we won’t go into the story, but the baby dies. What a picture of what happens when we yield to sin. Now, I want to take you to another man, another man that David would have been very familiar with. I want to take you back to Genesis, chapter 39. And I want you to know that David would have been familiar with this passage. And I’m sure that it came before his mind in all of this. Because you see, the Bible tells us in Deuteronomy that when a king came to power he was to sit down and he was to write in the presence of all the scribes, his own copy of the book of the Law. And the book of the Law is the Torah, or we call it, others call it the Pentateuch, the first five books of the Bible. So every king was to write his own copy, so that he might fear God and so that he might know how to live and how to lead his people. So that he might remember that these are the statutes and the ordinances of God. And so he would have written this down. He would have written the story of Joseph. And Joseph, chapter 39, Joseph has been taken to Egypt. He has been sold as a slave by his jealous brothers. Now he’s taken down to Egypt. They were going to put him to death. But Judah and Reuben, I believe it was, said, “No, don’t put him to death. Let’s sell him.” And so some men came by and they were going down to Egypt and so they sold Joseph. So he ends up in the house of Potiphar. Now Potiphar is the captain of Pharaoh’s guard. I mean he’s a top man. And he watches over all the soldiers that take care of Pharaoh and that work for Pharaoh. The king of Egypt is called the Pharaoh and as he’s in that house, because Joseph does not become bitter with God, because Joseph is in places of temptation. Joseph is in trials, but Joseph responds properly. He doesn’t become bitter. It says in verse 2, “And the Lord was with Joseph. So he became a successful man. And he was in the house of his master the Egyptian. Now his master saw that the Lord was with Joseph and how the lord caused all that Joseph did to prosper in his hand. So Joseph found favor in the sight of Potiphar and

became his personal servant. And Potiphar made him overseer of all of his house and all that he owned, he put it in his charge. And it came about when the time came that he made him overseer in his house and over all that he owned, that the Lord blessed the Egyptian's house on the account of Joseph, thus the Lord's blessing was on all that he owned in the house and in the field." Because Joseph was God's man, then the blessings spilled out, not only to Joseph, but to others. So Potiphar leaves everything he owned in Joseph's charge and with him there he did not concern himself with anything except the food which he ate." Then it makes a statement, "Now Joseph was handsome in form and appearance." In other words, he had a good-looking face and he had a good-looking body that went with it. And his body was very apparent because all they wore was little loin cloths. And it says, "Now it came about after these events that the master's wife, Potiphar's wife, looked with desire at Joseph and said, 'Lie with me.' But he refused and said to his master's wife, 'Behold with me here, my master does not concern himself with anything in the house and he has put all that he owns in my charge. There is no one in this house greater than I and he has withheld nothing except you because you're his wife.'" Now listen, listen to the difference between Joseph and David in the midst of temptation. Joseph says, "How then could I do this great evil and sin against God?" What are you doing against God? If you are being immoral, you are sinning against God. It is evil in His sight, even as the last verse in 2 Samuel, chapter 12 tells you. "David did what was evil in the sight of the Lord." David did it, but not Joseph. Watch now, "And it came about as she spoke to Joseph day after day, that he did not listen to her, to lie beside her or be with her." Now what does David do when he's tempted? He sees Bathsheba. He's not where he ought to be. He finds out about Bathsheba. He brings Bathsheba to his house to lie with her. What does Joseph do? Joseph flees temptation. Joseph, as 2 Timothy 2:22 says, "Joseph flees youthful lusts..." Now listen, here's a young man that could be bitter against God because he stood for God. He

did what was right. He ends up as a slave in Egypt. And he hasn't done anything wrong. But Joseph knows the Word of God, even as David knew. But Joseph clings to God. You see, God had made a promise to Joseph. That promise was that some day, his brothers, his parents would bow down before him. He has the Word of the Lord. He clings to the Word of the Lord. David had the Word of the Lord. He could have clung to the Word of God, too. You have the Word of the Lord. If you've never heard it before, it's no accident that you're hearing it now. You have the Word of the Lord. God is speaking to you. Not because I'm some prophet or anything, God is speaking to you because I'm reading you His Word. Because we're going through it verse by verse. This is the Word of God. You've heard it. You've heard what God says about immorality. You've heard that your sins are going to find you out. You've heard what is evil. You've heard about a godly sorrow that leads to repentance and a worldly sorrow that leads to regret and leads to death. You've heard it. Now are you going to listen or are you not going to listen? It says, "...that he would not lie with her. Now it happened one day when he went into the house to do his work and no one of the men were inside that she caught him by the garment and said, 'Lie with me.' And he left his garment in her hand and he fled." Flee youthful lusts. He ran away. And where did Joseph end up? He ended up in prison. You say, "Well that's great. It really pays to serve God." Yes it does because prison was just a platform to put him into the palace. He received the blessing of God in his time. O, Precious One, listen to me carefully. Do not yield to temptation. If you do, your sins will find you out. If you do not yield, God will bless you as He did Joseph.