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Danger #1 - Ignoring the Ten Commandments

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Danger #3 - Trying to keep the Ten Commandments in your own strength

Phil. 4:13 - I can do all things *through Christ* who strengthens me.

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1. The Cause of David's Adultery

#1 - David was in the wrong place.

2 Samuel 11:1 - In the spring, at the time when *kings go off to war*, David sent Joab out with the king's men and the whole Israelite army... *But David remained in Jerusalem.*

Ephesians 3:19 - **Be filled with all the fullness of God.**

#2 - David let his eyes/mind linger.

2 Samuel 11:2 - One evening David got up from his bed and strolled around on the roof of the palace. And from the roof he saw a woman bathing—a very beautiful woman.

Job 31:1 - “I made a covenant with my eyes not to look with lust at a young woman.”

Proverbs 5:22 - The iniquities of a wicked man *entrap him*; the cords of his sin hold him fast.

#3 - David ignored God's warning.

2 Samuel 11:3 - So David sent and inquired about the woman, and he was told, “This is Bathsheba, the *daughter* of Eliam and the *wife* of Uriah the Hittite.”

1 Cor. 10:13 - *No temptation* has overtaken you except what is common to man; but God is faithful, He won't allow you to be tempted beyond what you're able, but will with the temptation also make the way to escape.

2 Samuel 11:4 - Then David sent messengers to get her, and when she came to him, he slept with her.

James 1:15 - Sin when it is *fully grown* brings forth death.

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2. The Consequences of David's Adultery

2 Sam. 12:10-14 - "Now, therefore, the sword will never depart from your house, because you've despised Me and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your own.' This is what the LORD says: 'I'll raise up adversity against you from your own house. Before your very eyes I'll take your wives and give them to another, and he'll lie with them in broad daylight... because by this deed you've shown utter contempt for the word of the LORD, the son born to you will surely die.'"

Psalms 32:3-4 - When I refused to confess my sin, my body wasted away, and I groaned all day long. Day and night Your hand was heavy on me. My strength evaporated like water in the summer heat.

- **My relationship with God would suffer from a break in fellowship.**
- **I'd suffer from the emotional consequences of guilt.**
- **I'd spend countless hours replaying the failure.**
- **My wife would suffer the scars of this abuse more deeply than I could begin to describe.**
- **My wife would spend countless hours in counseling.**
- **Her recovery would be long and painful.**
- **Her pain would grieve me deeply and compound my own suffering and shame.**
- **Our relationship would suffer a break in trust, fellowship, and intimacy.**
- **The reputation of my family would suffer.**
- **My sons would be deeply disappointed and bewildered.**
- **My friends would be disappointed and would question my integrity.**
- **My witness among neighbors would become worthless.**
- **My witness to my brother would be worthless.**
- **My testimony among my wife's family would be damaged.**
- **I'd suffer God's discipline.**

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- Satan would be thrilled at my failure.
- Satan would work overtime to be sure my shame never departed.
- My wife might divorce me.
- My children might never speak to me.
- Our mutual friends would shy away from us and break fellowship.
- I'd bring emotional pain to the woman.
- If the woman is married, her husband might divorce her.
- An unwanted child could be produced which might trigger an abortion, the killing of an innocent child.
- Some might conclude that all Christians are hypocrites.
- My zeal for ministry would suffer.
- This same sin might be visited upon my family.

3. The Cure for David's Adultery

Proverbs 28:13 - Whoever conceals their sins won't prosper, but the one who *confesses and forsakes* them finds mercy.

Psalms 51 - Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your unfailing love... Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions... Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Psalms 119:9 - How can a young man keep his way pure? By *guarding it* according to Your word.

4 Ways To Guard Your Heart

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Galatians 5:16 - Walk in the Spirit and you won't carry out the lust of the flesh.

2. A cautious relationship with others of the opposite sex.

3. An open relationship with other Christians.

4. A fulfilling relationship with your spouse.

Proverbs 5 - The lips of a forbidden woman drip honey, and her speech is smoother than oil... Stay away from her! Don't go near the door of her house, lest you lose your honor and your dignity... Drink water from your own well— share your love only with your wife... Rejoice in the wife of your youth... May you always be captivated by her love.

"Even now," declares the LORD, "if you return to Me with all your heart...you'll be restored." - Joel 2

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Dr. Gary Chapman: How to show love to your spouse:

- **words of** _____
- **quality** _____
- **thoughtful** _____
- **acts of** _____
- **physical** _____