

The Life of DAVID

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David's Sudden Sin Spiral



What
Contributed to
This Sudden
Failure?

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Attitude Towards Women?

2 Samuel 5:13

¹³ Meanwhile David took more concubines and wives from Jerusalem, after he came from Hebron; and more sons and daughters were born to David.



No
accountability?

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Getting Lazy?

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Too Much Success?

A Spiral of Bad Decisions

- David fails to look away.



2 Samuel 11:2-5

² Now when evening came David arose from his bed and walked around on the roof of the king's house, and from the roof he saw a woman bathing; and the woman was very beautiful in appearance.

2 Samuel 11:2-5

³ So David sent and inquired about the woman. And one said, “Is this not Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?”

Job 31:1

¹ “I have made a covenant with
my eyes;
How then could I gaze at a virgin?

1 Corinthians 6:18

¹⁸ Flee immorality. ...

2 Samuel 11:2-5

⁴ David sent messengers and took her, and when she came to him, he lay with her; and when she had purified herself from her uncleanness, she returned to her house.

2 Samuel 11:2-5

⁵ The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, and said, “I am pregnant.”

A Spiral of Bad Decisions

- David tries to cover up his sin.



2 Samuel 11:6-11

⁶ Then David sent to Joab, *saying*,
“Send me Uriah the Hittite.” So Joab
sent Uriah to David.

⁷ When Uriah came to him, David asked
concerning the welfare of Joab and the
people and the state of the war.

2 Samuel 11:6-11

⁸ Then David said to Uriah, “Go down to your house, and wash your feet.” And Uriah went out of the king’s house, and a present from the king was sent out after him.

2 Samuel 11:6-11

⁹ But Uriah slept at the door of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house.

2 Samuel 11:6-11

¹⁰ Now when they told David, saying, “Uriah did not go down to his house,” David said to Uriah, “Have you not come from a journey? Why did you not go down to your house?”

2 Samuel 11:6-11

¹¹ Uriah said to David, “The ark and Israel and Judah are staying in temporary shelters, and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field. Shall I then go to my house to eat and to drink and to lie with my wife? By your life and the life of your soul, I will not do this thing.”

A Spiral of Bad Decisions

- David gets Uriah drunk.



2 Samuel 11:12-13

¹² Then David said to Uriah, “Stay here today also, and tomorrow I will let you go.” So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day and the next.

2 Samuel 11:12-13

¹³ Now David called him, and he ate and drank before him, and he made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his bed with his lord's servants, but he did not go down to his house.

A Spiral of Bad Decisions

➤ David has Uriah
killed.



2 Samuel 11:14-21

¹⁴ Now in the morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent *it* by the hand of Uriah.

¹⁵ He had written in the letter, saying, “Place Uriah in the front line of the fiercest battle and withdraw from him, so that he may be struck down and die.”

2 Samuel 11:14-21

¹⁶ So it was as Joab kept watch on the city, that he put Uriah at the place where he knew there *were* valiant men.

¹⁷ The men of the city went out and fought against Joab, and some of the people among David's servants fell; and Uriah the Hittite also died.

2 Samuel 11:14-21

¹⁸ Then Joab sent and reported to David all the events of the war.

¹⁹ He charged the messenger, saying,
“When you have finished telling all the events of the war to the king,

2 Samuel 11:14-21

²⁰ and if it happens that the king's wrath rises and he says to you, 'Why did you go so near to the city to fight? Did you not know that they would shoot from the wall?

2 Samuel 11:14-21

²¹ Who struck down Abimelech the son of Jerubbesheth? Did not a woman throw an upper millstone on him from the wall so that he died at Thebez? Why did you go so near the wall?' — then you shall say, 'Your servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also.'"

A Spiral of Bad Decisions

- David then marries Bathsheba.



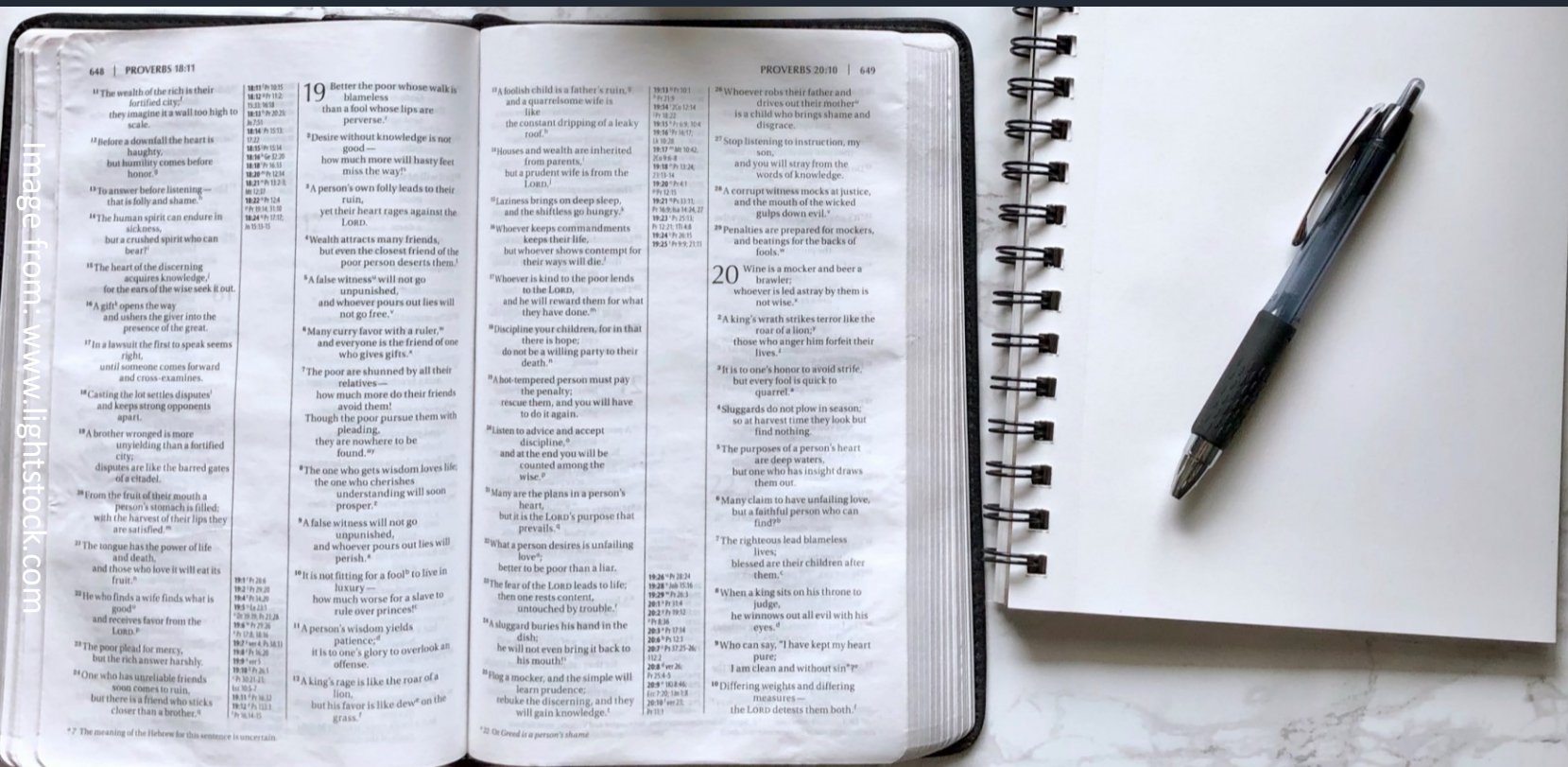
2 Samuel 11:26-27

²⁶ Now when the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her husband was dead, she mourned for her husband.

2 Samuel 11:26-27

²⁷ When the *time of* mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house and she became his wife; then she bore him a son. But the thing that David had done was evil in the sight of the LORD.

Some Things We Learn

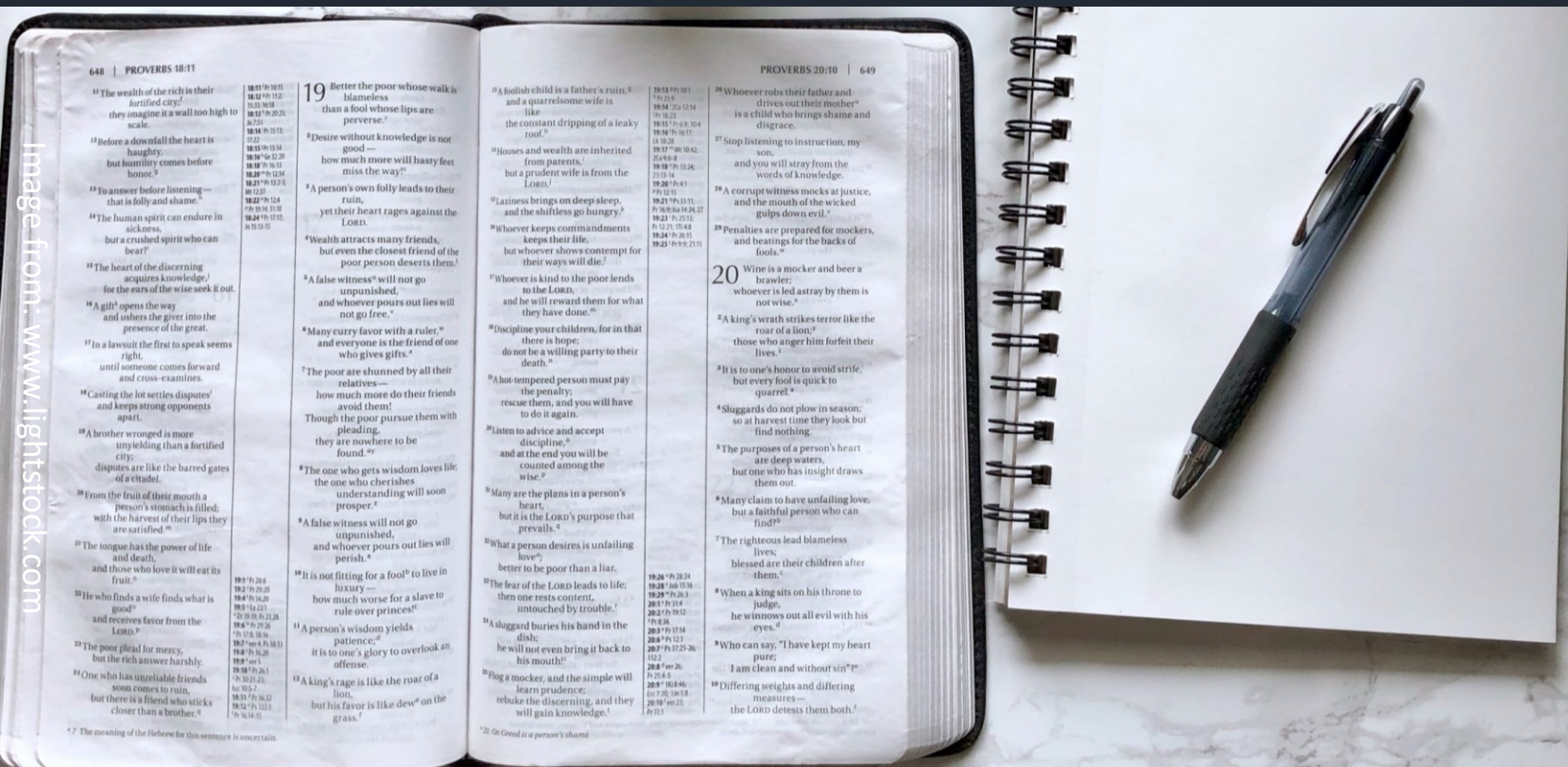


1) Sin is chosen, or avoided.

1 Corinthians 10:13

¹³ No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.

Some Things We Learn

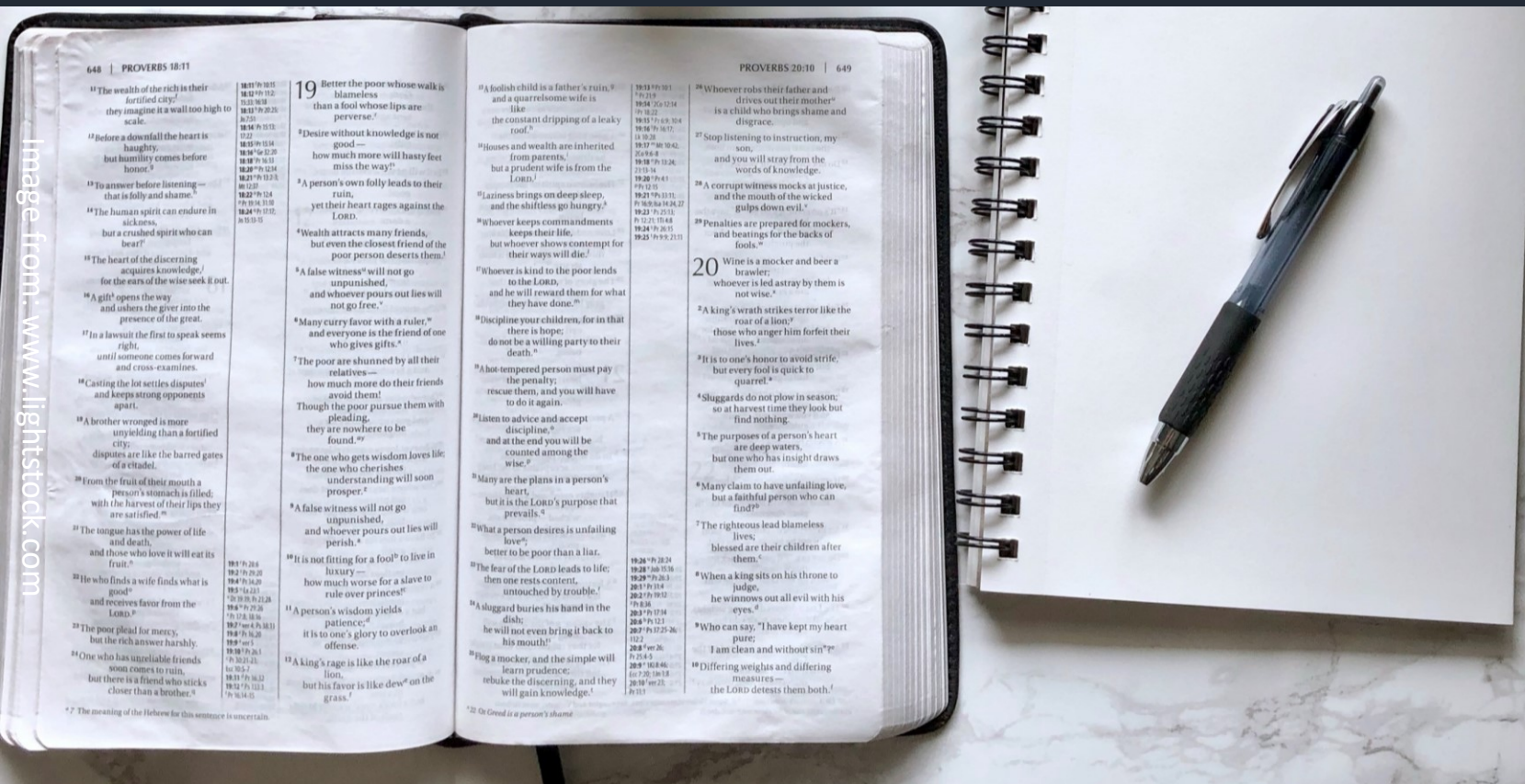


2) Sin grows if we don't address it.

Proverbs 28:13

¹³ He who conceals his transgressions
will not prosper,
But he who confesses and
forsakes *them* will find compassion.

Some Things We Learn



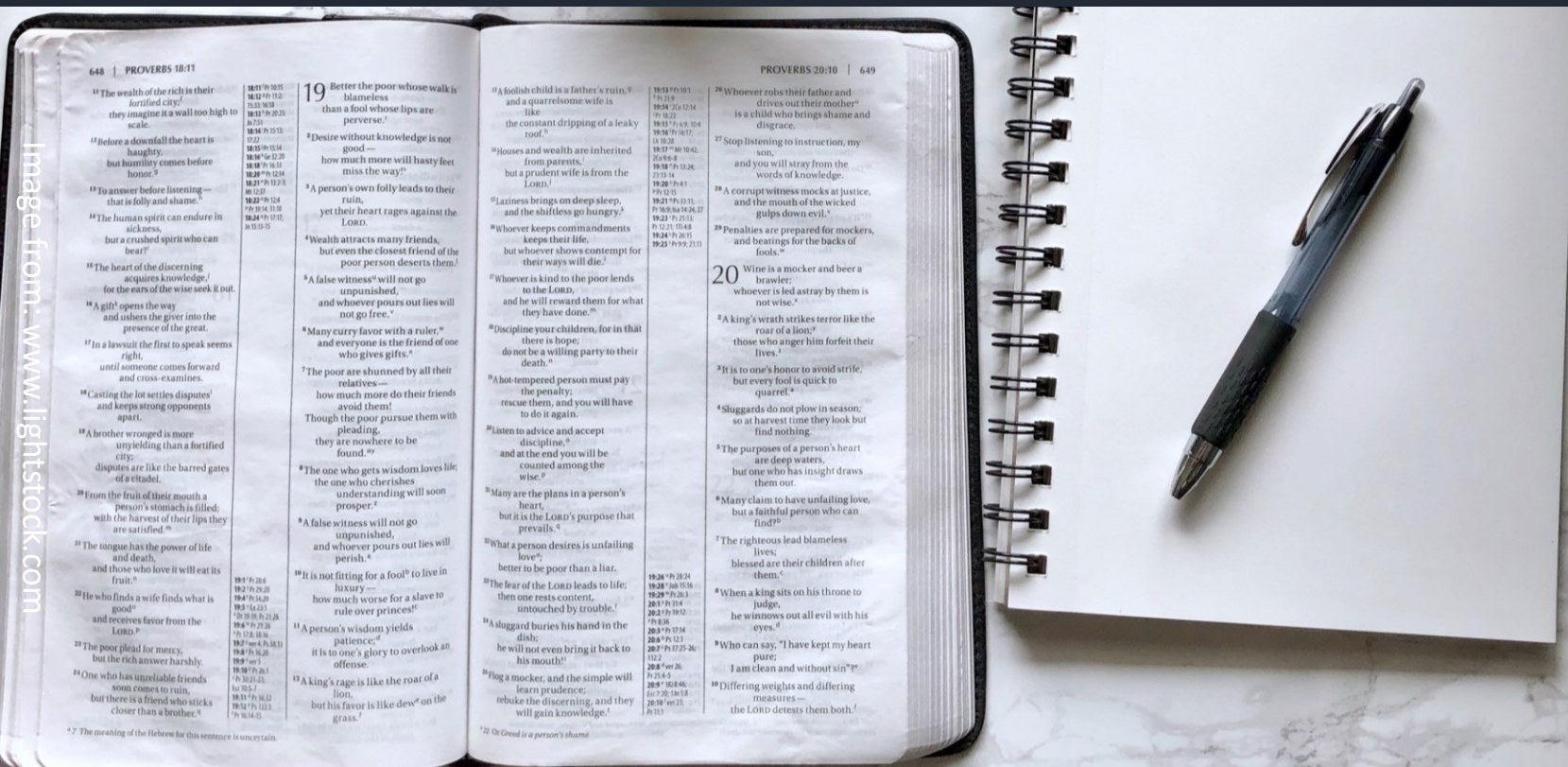
3) Sin is never truly hidden.

Luke 12:1-2

¹ ... He began saying to His disciples first *of all*, “Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy.

² But there is nothing covered up that will not be revealed, and hidden that will not be known.

Some Things We Learn



4) Maybe the biggest lesson:

1 Corinthians 10:12

¹² Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed that he does not fall.

1 Peter 5:8

⁸ Be of sober *spirit*, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.



Thankfully
David will turn
around...