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The Reality Of It All

The Bible mentions things that are done secretly in many places and refers to some of the activities of humans as secret sins. These are things that folks do privately, concealing their actions so that others do not know what they are doing. As Moses addressed the children of Israel he touches on this subject. **“Cursed be the man that maketh any graven or molten image, an abomination unto the LORD, the work of the hands of the craftsman, and putteth it in a secret place. And all the people shall answer and say, Amen.” (Deut 27.15).** We might not realize that God sees all things and there is nothing that hidden from him. David sinned secretly with Bathsheba then tried to cover up the consequences of his actions with more secretive things that ended with the death of Uriah the Hittite (2 Sam 11-12). No matter how much care David took to attempt to cover things up we find that his actions were known. **“But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD.” (2 Sam 11.27).** Because of his sin and taking of an innocent life through the conspiracy, David spent the rest of his life suffering the consequences of his actions. God revealed that the deed was known as he sent Nathan the prophet to him to denounce the sin David perpetrated. We can understand that in our lives. We may find ourselves alone, presented with a temptation, there is no one else around so no one will know. As with David, God will know. We must realize that God is aware of what we do at all times. Our actions reveal our character and the nature of our convictions. If we truly believe in God and desire to be faithful to him we will conduct ourselves in our most private moments just as we do when we are surrounded by others. Solomon states, **“For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.” (Eccl 12.14).** The prevailing mentality that many manifest is that if no one is looking we can do what we want or what think we need to do. We might make a number of excuses to make ourselves feel better when we know that something is wrong. David did the same thing. As his sin began to involve others he resorted to drastic measures in having Uriah killed during a battle. Notice what he told the messenger to relay to his general Joab. **“Let not this thing displease thee, for the sword devoureth one as well as another...” (2 Sam 11.25).** We find that it is possible for good people to do bad things and this example David lost control of his life, his faithfulness to God and his integrity was compromised. David faced consequences for his actions but there was something about the incident that God was willing to forgive David, allowing him to live and experience the fallout he brought on himself. David learned from the event and determined to be faithful to God. He wrote, **“Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now have I kept thy word.” (Psm 119.67).** There are others however that may hide what they do simply because they don’t want the negative attention they might draw. Their hearts are not in the right place and they don’t care about God even though they may try to convince others this is not the case. What do we do when no one else is looking. What will we allow ourselves to get involved with. Do we avoid other Christians so that we can indulge in activities with worldly minded folks. What is our true nature. If we truly love God we will be what he wants us to be at all times. We may have our weaknesses but do we actively pursue them instead of overcoming them. Paul states, **“But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.” (Rom 13.14).** A person who lives in such a manner as to do as they will when others are not looking certainly does not realize that God sees what they are doing and they reflect an instability that James speaks of. **“A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.” (Jas 1.8).** Since Christ is the one we will stand before in judgment, and he sees all things, isn’t necessary to be honest with ourselves and God?

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