

These Three Kings:  
On the Life of King David  
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"How the Mighty are Fallen"  
II Samuel 11

Emily Dickinson wrote, "Crumbling is not an instant act."

*"Wherefore let him that thinks he **stands**  
take heed lest he **falls**."*

1 Corinthians 10:12

Trails that erode our defense system:

1. **VULNERBILITY**

2. **ARROGANCE**

Guideline #1 \_\_\_\_\_ God's Strategy  
in fighting sexual temptation.

3. **IRRESPONSIBILTIIY**

Guideline #2 \_\_\_\_\_ a protective  
perimeter.

Guideline #3 \_\_\_\_\_ to the counsel of  
godly people.

Guideline #4 \_\_\_\_\_ the consequences  
beforehand.

## Going Deeper

1. In implementing God's strategy in fighting sexual temptation, what is the common word found in 1 Corinthians 6:18; 10:14; 1 Thessalonians 5:22; 1 Timothy 6:11? Name some Bible examples that applied this strategy.
2. What protective perimeters have you erected to guard against sexual sin?
3. Read Proverbs 5:1-23. What practical wisdom did David's son Solomon give to his own son regarding the handling of immorality?
4. Who are the godly counselors in your life that reduce your risk of falling into sin?
5. Give an example of a time you reviewed the consequences of your actions beforehand? Did that alter your behavior?
6. Jesus classified intent to sin as wrong as the act itself (Matthew 5:28). Does this mean the desire in one's heart is only one step away from sin or is the desire sin itself? What measures should one take to reduce the possibility of temptation turning into sin?
7. Do you believe the kind of rationalization that David engaged in happens easily to people who are in the habit of being successful?
8. If David had acknowledged his sin immediately would the consequences have changed?

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