

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

PREVENTING SOUL DAMAGE

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PART 3: A DYSFUNCTIONAL FAMILY

I have referred many times to the writing of the apostle Paul concerning sowing and reaping. It is imperative for every Christian to understand this spiritual law that is as rigid and strict as the law of gravity. **Galatians 6:7-9**

Paul also stated that we should learn from the mistakes and sins that God's people made during the Old Testament times. **1 Corinthians 10:1-11**

God pronounced a judgment upon King David after he committed adultery with Bathsheba and had her husband murdered. **2 Samuel 12:9-12**

David repented of his sins when he was confronted by the prophet Nathan and was forgiven by God but he had to face the consequences of his sins for the rest of his life. **verses 13-14**

David's repentance is recorded in **Psalms 51**.

But David had not understood the curse of having multiple wives; God never intended for men to have more than one wife. **Genesis 2:20-25; Matthew 19:3-6**

CAUSING YOUR OWN SOUL DAMAGE

King David could have avoided much of the sorrow that came into his life but he did not make the correct choice. He could have changed his lifestyle after being confronted by the prophet Nathan, taking care of the women he had married financially, discontinuing living with them and devoting his life to serving God and being the King of Israel; instead, it was business as usual and it cost him greatly.

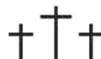
The children he fathered with his multiple wives grew up and became adults. They did not love each other and there was a constant rivalry. Each of the seven wives had their own dwelling place and David spent one night a week with each wife and her children. Thus, the children were raised by their mothers since David spent the day in the palace where he also had his meals.

Sadly, David was not satisfied with the seven wives as they got older and added ten concubines to his harem. **2 Samuel 20:3**

INCEST

King David had six wives that he married after his first wife, Michal, the daughter of King Saul. **2 Samuel 3:1-5, 14-16**

All six of the wives gave birth to sons. Two of them were Absalom and Amnon. Absalom had a sister named Tamar, who was a half-sister to Amnon, who lusted after her. **2 Samuel 13:1-2**



Amnon's cousin was a schemer who set up a plan to get Tamar alone with Amnon so he could rape her. **verses 3-5**

David was played the fool and made the rape possible. **verses 6-7**

Once Amnon had raped his sister, his lust turned to hate and he drove her out. **verses 8-17**

David's response to this act was anger, but he did not bring Amnon to justice and let him go! **verse 21**

MURDER

Absalom was damaged in his soul and hate and murder began to grow in his heart as he started to plot how to kill Amnon. **verses 22-23**

David was played the fool again. **verses 24-27**

Amnon was executed. **verses 28-29**

KING DAVID BECAME DEVASTATED

Word was given to David that all his sons had been slain and he was devastated. **verses 30-31**

David's nephew knew of Absalom's plot and told the king that the execution had been decided upon after Amnon had raped Tamar but that none of his other sons had been killed. **verses 32-33**

Absalom fled to his grandfather, Talmai, King of Geshur. **verses 37-38**

SUMMARY

David was a mighty warrior but he failed in his personal life as a husband and a father.

When David saw that his family was falling apart, he did not take any decisive action and let it deteriorate.

When reading the Biblical account of David's children, it is obvious they did not walk with the Lord and he failed to bring them to a living vibrant faith in God.

The people of the United States can be likened to the family of King David as homes are falling apart, the divorce rate is around 60%, millions of men and women are living together outside of marriage and the children are out of control and bent on having a good time with sex, drugs and a wicked lifestyle.

IS THERE A REMEDY?

There is a remedy and the Bible lays it out for us:

1. People need to be born again. **John 3:1-8**
2. We need to take control of our children. **Deuteronomy 6:3-9**
3. We need to seek the Lord as a nation. **2 Chronicles 7:12-15**

Are you part of the solution or the problem?

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

DO YOU HAVE AN EAR TO HEAR WITH?