

Staying Pure in a World Gone Wild

Creating a Legacy of Moral Purity

2 SAMUEL 11:1–5



The Heart of the Matter

“How the mighty have fallen” (2 Samuel 1:25)! This was David’s eulogy for the slain Saul and Jonathan. But David could have just as well used it as the eulogy for the death of his own moral character. At a time when David should have been satisfied with his life, he wanted more. At a time when David should have been performing his duty as king, he kicked back. At a time when David should have visited one of his many wives or concubines, he took another man’s wife. Moral foundations almost always collapse through slow erosion. But once they collapse, not even the mighty can stand.



Discovering the Way

1. The Slow Erosion of a Moral Foundation (Selected Scriptures)

David’s moral collapse was slow in the making. Polygamy weakened him (Deuteronomy 17:17). Success weakened him (2 Samuel 3:36). And indulgence weakened him (2 Samuel 11:1–2).

2. The Moral Collapse of a Mighty Man (2 Samuel 11:3–5)

By the time David walked out on his roof that spring evening, he was so morally weak from slow erosion that a single drop of water could have caused his foundation to collapse. In fact, it did.

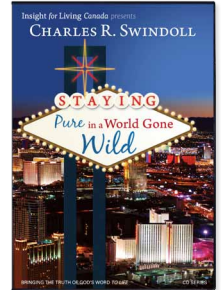


Starting Your Journey

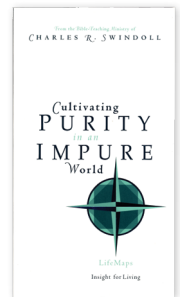
To keep from thinking you’re safe from a moral collapse, you should acknowledge your weakness and guard your times of leisure. To keep from falling into sin, you should remain accountable and rehearse the consequences of a moral collapse.



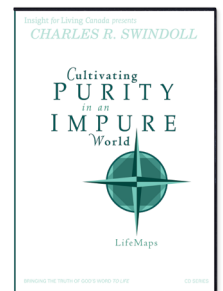
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