

Possessing the Promises of the Kingdom

The Scenario That Leads To Personal Defeat

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Joshua 7:19-23

There is a scenario that leads to defeat. Confronted, Achan was devastatingly honest and admitted that during the battle of Jericho he had taken three things that were either to be destroyed or turned over to the Lord's treasury. He had stolen a beautiful Babylonian coat, two hundred shekels of silver, and a bar of gold weighing fifty shekels.

The road to defeat goes like this:

1. I _____

And Achan answered Joshua, "Truly I have sinned against the Lord God of Israel, and this is what I did: when I saw among the spoil a beautiful cloak from Shinar, and 200 shekels of silver, and a bar of gold weighing 50 shekels, then I coveted them and took them. And see, they are hidden in the earth inside my tent, with the silver underneath." Joshua 7:20-21

So when the **woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes**, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. Genesis 3:6

For all that is in the world—**the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes** and pride in possessions—is not from the Father but is from the world.

1 John 2:16

2. I _____

when I saw among the spoil a beautiful cloak from Shinar, and 200 shekels of silver, and a bar of gold weighing 50 shekels, **then I coveted them** and took them. And see, they are hidden in the earth inside my tent, with the silver underneath.

Joshua 7:21

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; **you shall not covet** your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, **or anything that is your neighbor's.** Exodus 20:17

The carved images of their gods you shall burn with fire. **You shall not covet the silver or the gold that is on them or take it for yourselves, lest you be ensnared by it,** for it is an abomination to the Lord your God. Deuteronomy 7:25

(*hāmad*) Covet here refers to an *inordinate, ungoverned, selfish* desire

3. I _____

when I saw among the spoil a beautiful cloak from Shinar, and 200 shekels of silver, and a bar of gold weighing 50 shekels, **then I coveted them and took them.** And see, they are hidden in the earth inside my tent, with the silver underneath.

Joshua 7:21

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

James 1:17

Silver and gold are not bad in themselves, but they often take over our minds and lead us away from God into an idolatry of things.

4. I _____

when I saw among the spoil a beautiful cloak from Shinar, and 200 shekels of silver, and a bar of gold weighing 50 shekels, then I coveted them and took them. And see, **they are hidden in the earth inside my tent, with the silver underneath.**

Joshua 7:21

Not that I am speaking of being in need, for **I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content.**

Philippians 4:11