

THE BEHAVIOR PATTERNS OF HOME-WRECKING HUSBANDS

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Ephesians 5:25



INTRODUCTION:

I. The **Domineering** Husband

(1 Kings 12:4, 7, 10-11; Mt. 20:25-28)

Example: **Rehoboam**

APPLY: If you find yourself being this husband, and want to know how to change, buy the book or call me and we will talk about it privately and confidentially.

REMEMBER: **Jesus** stooped to **wash feet!**

II. The **Disengaged** Husband (1 Kings 21:4-10)

Example: **Ahab**

III. The **Defiled** Husband (2 Sam. 11:1-5; 14-15; 12:9-10)

Example: King **David**

- His **body** was in the wrong place.
- He was **bored** with duty and stayed home at a time he should have been at the battle field.
- His **eyes** were in the wrong place.
- His **mind** was in the wrong place (he continued to look instead of looking away).
- His command was out of place. (Bring her to me.)
- His actions were out of place.
- His **cover up** was out of place.

- His heart was in the wrong place.
- He had as many as **six** wives at this time, and perhaps more.
- We must meditate on God's Word, stay busy about the work that God has called us to, and discipline our eyes not to "follow" women.
- Ladies, remember that men are visually oriented. Be careful in the way that you **dress**.

IV. The Diverted (or, **Distracted**) Husband (1 Kings 11:4-11)

Example: Solomon

CONCLUSION

So, what do we do with a message like this?

1. **Wake** up! This message serves as an alarm that goes off BEFORE the house burns.
2. Take **responsibility** for your own actions.
3. **Identify** the surface problem and the underlying problems. (Get the book, get counseling).
4. **Repent** of the surface sin and any underlying sin.
5. Forgive those who have **hurt** you and thus contributed to your situation. Even if not for them, do it for you and your relationships.
6. Break the **pattern** in your family!
7. Begin a **personal** journey with God through Bible reading, prayer, confession of sin and faithful church attendance.