

# Good People Don't Do Bad Things

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- ✓ There are two kinds of fools: **Lucky** fools AND **unlucky** fools.

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## FOUR DANGER ZONES THAT CAN BRING DOWN THE BEST OF THE BEST

### ❶ Any Time I Think I'm **Spiritually Superior.**

Luke 18:9-14/ 1 Corinthians 10:12/ Jeremiah 17:9 & Romans 7:14-25

- “I'm **different** – I can **handle what others can't.**”

### ❷ Any Time I Think **No One Could Possibly Know.**

Jeremiah 23:24 & Proverbs 5:21-23/ Galatians 6:7-9/ Proverbs 28:13 & Psalm 32:1-5

- “What happens **here** will **stay here.**”

### ❸ Any Season Of Great **Success.**

2 Samuel 11:1-4 & 2 Chronicles 26/ Deuteronomy 8:10-14/ 2 Peter 3:8-10

- “If everything is **going well**, God must be **pleased with me.**”

### ❹ Any Season Of Great **Hardship.**

2 Kings 12:1-21/ Proverbs 30:8-9/ Hebrews 5:7-8 & 2 Peter 1:6-7

- “This situation is so **different** – The **normal rules don't apply here.**”

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## Food for Thought

For the week of July 15, 2007

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

1. We heard this weekend of David's sad example of a colossal moral failure. Joseph, on the other hand, is a great example of someone who avoided a similar failure. In Genesis 39:1-23, we see Joseph's response to an aggressive solicitation for sexual immorality. As you read this story, make a list of the things which helped Joseph avoid this ongoing temptation.

How can the things Joseph used to avoid sexual sin also help us avoid other sin?

2. The story of King Uzziah is found in 2 Chronicles 26:1-22. It's the story of an obedient leader who experienced much success until he became proud and arrogant. After reading the passage, answer the following questions:

What led to Uzziah's downfall?

What were the results of Uzziah's sin on himself and others?

What are some reasons that success can lead us away from God?

How can Isaiah 57:15 and 66:1-2 help you avoid falling prey to pride?

3. God not only tells us to avoid sexual immorality but also gives us good reasons for doing so. A number of reasons are listed in 1 Corinthians 6:12-20. Make a list of the reasons for avoiding sexual immorality you find in the passage.

Which of the reasons is most motivational to you?

4. As you look back at the four danger zones Larry talked about, what has been your past experience with each of them? Is there one you are currently in or close to entering? What steps can you take to move away from that zone?