

## Good and Bad - Cont.

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Second, we learn that people change for the worse when outside pressure is put on them (1 Corinthians 15:33). When you are doing good, know that the Devil wants to pressure you to do bad by the influence of others. “Bad company corrupts good morals.”

Third, we learn that the Devil looks for opportunities to defeat you right after you have done well. We see this in the case of Adam and Eve (Genesis 2-3), Job (Job 1) and Jesus (Luke 4:1-2, 13). Be on guard for this. When you are doing good, the Devil is nearby.

Fourth, we learn that we must be careful not to think we are invincible. “Let him who thinks he stands, take heed lest he fall” (1 Corinthians 10:12). People doing good often fall into bad without thinking about it.

Finally, we learn the importance of being obedient to God at all times (Philippians 2:12). Obedience should be a constant. Always obey!  
- Chris Reeves -

## Sentence Sermons

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- If alcoholism is a “disease”, then it is a self-imposed one.
- We do not have a right (from God) to do wrong.
- The right talk is never a substitute for the right walk.
- Be a person of principles, not a person of prejudices.
- Walk daily in the fear of the Lord.

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.  
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

# The Cycle of Good and Bad

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Have you ever found yourself doing something bad not long after doing something good? If so, then you are not alone. Many people down through time have experienced this same situation. One moment you find yourself doing good and obeying the Lord, then in the next moment, you find yourself doing something bad which disobeys the Lord. Let's consider some Bible examples of this situation and let's learn what we can do to avoid it.

## Old Testament Examples

Bible characters in the Old Testament found themselves doing good followed by doing bad. For example, Noah's obedience in building the ark was followed by his drunkenness (Genesis 6-8; 9:20-25).

Abraham's obedience in leaving his homeland was followed by his lie (Genesis 12).

Israel's praise of God after crossing the Red Sea was followed by their complaining to God in the wilderness (Exodus 15).

The Levites consecration in worship with God's approval was followed by the unauthorized worship of Nadab and Abihu and God's disapproval (Leviticus 9-10).

Israel's godliness in serving the Lord during the days of Joshua was followed by their worldliness (Judges 2).

Elijah's triumph at Mount Carmel was followed by his depression in running from Jezebel (1 Kings 18-19)

Jonah's obedience to God in preaching to the Ninevites was followed by his pouting in seeing the Ninevites saved (Jonah 3-4).

## New Testament Examples

When we turn to the New Testament, we find the same situation. Various ones do good followed by something bad. For example, Peter's affirmation that Jesus is the Christ was followed by his self-will in standing in Jesus' way (Matthew 16).

Peter's affirmation that he would follow the Jesus anywhere was followed

by his denial of Jesus three times (Matthew 26).

Simon's salvation from sin was followed by his sin in wanting to pay money for the power to lay hands on others (Acts 8).

Peter's acceptance of the Gentiles when no Jews were around was followed by his rejection of the Gentiles when some Jews show up (Galatians 2).

## Lessons Learned

There are other Bible examples that we could examine, but these are enough to remind us that it is possible to do good followed by something bad. So, what lessons can be learned from this?

First, we learn that people can forsake the way of righteousness when times are good (Deuteronomy 4:9; 6:11-12; Judges 2:19). Knowing this, be mindful when times are good to keep doing good. The Devil wants bad to happen when times are good.