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Jeroboam: Part 8

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Logic says there are sometimes things you just don't do. Take a winning entry in the *Darwin Awards* for 2007 for dumb ways to meet God:

(10 March 2007, Scotland) James, 26, was working on a new house when he was unexpectedly confronted by a malfunctioning canister of insulating foam. "The operative picked up one of the cans and gave it a shake as recommended. A pressure explosion occurred when the can burst (and) the bottom section hit him on the chest. The impact was so severe that the bottom section crumpled and wrinkled to some six inches, resulting in his death."

A safety alert was issued, warning of the potential for cans of Evo-Stik Expanding Foam to undergo lethal decompression. But the warning was retracted when it was discovered that James had, for reasons unknown, applied a blowtorch to the pressurized 500-ml canister" (<http://darwinawards.com>).

A blowtorch applied to a can of pressurized foam? Hmmmmm. Let's see. Good idea, or bad idea? Need we say anything else? Yeah, it's true. A willful departure from common sense usually costs you in the long run. So wise up.

Spiritually, this concept is an iron clad truth. When God says walk this way, and you say with a wise, prideful smirk on your face, "No, I'll think it is better to go this way," this is something akin to you taking a blow torch and heating up an pressurized can in front of your unprotected chest. Ever done this? Ever knowingly and willingly turned away from clearly defined commands of God? Ever thought you were wiser than God Himself?

Many Proverbs coined by wise King Solomon support the conclusion that willful deviation from God's life-giving commands and concepts meets with discipline and judgment. Here's a sampling:

"²¹ Assuredly, the evil man will not go unpunished, but the descendants of the righteous will be delivered" (Proverbs 11:21).

"¹³ He who returns evil for good, evil will not depart from his house" (Proverbs 17:13).

"²³ The fear of the LORD leads to life, so that one may sleep satisfied, untouched by evil" (Proverbs 19).

Willfully chose the wrong way, and God has so structured life that it will lead to a burst of destructive heat on your unprotected life. Willfully chose the right way, and God will quietly work behind the scenes of your life to bring blessing and joy. Believe me, if our nation, if our people have forgotten anything, if pastors across this great land have sidelined any concept it is this one. Departure from God's boundaries and parameters for great, godly living leads to divine discipline in due time. Acceptance and adherence to God's boundaries and parameters for great, godly living logically leads to divine approval.

I guess King Jeroboam missed these verses from Proverbs in his study of the Old Testament. His life started out with so much promise and hope. 1 Kings 11 couches his personal assets in perspective:

"²⁶ Then Jeroboam the son of Nebat, an Ephraimite of Zeredah, Solomon's servant, whose mother's name was Zeruah, a widow, also rebelled against the king. ²⁷ Now this was the reason why he rebelled against the king: Solomon built the Millo, and closed up the breach of the city of his father David. ²⁸ Now the man Jeroboam was a valiant warrior, and when Solomon saw that the young man was industrious, he appointed him over all the forced labor of the house of Joseph."

Jeroboam was a capable warrior, a Navy Seal of sorts, and a creative thinker and hard worker. King Solomon recognized these traits and wasted no time elevating the young man to head of forced labor, or to put it in modern terms, he became the head of the Department Of Labor. What prestigious job for an upwardly mobile and gifted person like Jeroboam ... and God was about to give him a deal of a lifetime, no make that a kingdom of a lifetime. Read on and you'll see what I mean:

²⁹ It came about at that time, when Jeroboam went out of Jerusalem, that the prophet Ahijah the Shilonite found him on the road. Now Ahijah had clothed himself with a new cloak; and both of them were alone in the field. ³⁰ Then Ahijah took hold of the new cloak which was on him and tore it into twelve pieces. ³¹ He said to Jeroboam, ‘Take for yourself ten pieces; for thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, Behold, I will tear the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon and give you ten tribes ³² (but he will have one tribe, for the sake of My servant David and for the sake of Jerusalem, the city which I have chosen from all the tribes of Israel), ³³ because they have forsaken Me, and have worshiped Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, Chemosh the god of Moab, and Milcom the god of the sons of Ammon; and they have not walked in My ways, doing what is right in My sight and observing My statutes and My ordinances, as his father David did. ³⁴ Nevertheless I will not take the whole kingdom out of his hand, but I will make him ruler all the days of his life, for the sake of My servant David whom I chose, who observed My commandments and My statutes; ³⁵ but I will take the kingdom from his son’s hand and give it to you, even ten tribes. ³⁶ But to his son I will give one tribe, that My servant David may have a lamp always before Me in Jerusalem, the city where I have chosen for Myself to put My name. ³⁷ I will take you, and you shall reign over whatever you desire, and you shall be king over Israel. ³⁸ Then it will be, that if you listen to all that I command you and walk in My ways, and do what is right in My sight by observing My statutes and My commandments, as My servant David did, then I will be with you and build you an enduring house as I built for David, and I will give Israel to you. ³⁹ Thus I will afflict the descendants of David for this, but not always. ⁴⁰ Solomon sought therefore to put Jeroboam to death; but Jeroboam arose and fled to Egypt to Shishak king of Egypt, and he was in Egypt until the death of Solomon” (1 Kings 11).

God just handed him a new kingdom on a silver platter, and all because God anger burned against the sexual exploits and overt idolatry of King Solomon. As a sidelight don’t forget that while you might enjoy your sexual deviancy now, while you might have a litany of ways of rationalizing it, divine discipline will rest upon your deviancy disguised as an acceptable life option.

Anyway, back to the text at hand. Let’s check off what God promised Jeroboam:

- God would personally give Jeroboam ten tribes out of the twelve to govern (v. 31).
- The Davidic throne would be left with the tribe of Judah and Benjamin (v. 31).
- All of this would occur under the reign of King Solomon’s son, Rehoboam (v. 35).
- If Jeroboam listened to God and His Word, God would bless him greatly (vv. 37-38).
- God’s disciplinary judgment of Judah would not be eternal (v. 39).

Sweet deal. All Jeroboam had to do was take God at His Word and chose to obey him, no matter what.

Such is not what happened. Not long after this divine revelation, the ten northern tribes pulled away from the two southern tribes because, as we learned in our last study, King Rehoboam wouldn't agree to relax his heavy taxation and conscripted labor time. Imagine that ... a politician who wouldn't listen to wise counsel, and a politician with an agenda who wouldn't listen to a logical and worthy request from his people. Rehoboam's political intransigence moved Jeroboam, then, to fulfill God's word. He wasted no time yanking the ten disgruntled northern tribes away from the two arrogant, inflexible southern tribes.

Unfortunately, as we shall see in the next chapter from 1 Kings, Jeroboam willfully chose to go beyond the boundary God established for him. Instead of being content to live within the confines of God's Word, the ambitious political upstart went for all the personal power and glory he could seize for himself. At this juncture, his life becomes a case study of the disastrous nature of flagrant, arrogant, open sin.

Since we are considering whether you have on the proper, God-pleasing spiritual clothes in this series, it is most appropriate for us to approach a study of Jeroboam's life and actions with this simple query:

What's So Dangerous About A Button-Down Shirt Called Willful Sin?

Keep reading Jeroboam's sordid story will give us the answers we (probably) desperately need:

Willful Sin Always Involves Questioning God (1 Kings 12:26-27)

Questioning God is like, well, questioning your father. "What do you mean I have to be in by 11:00 p.m. on a Friday night?" "Do I really have to get up early on Saturday morning to help you with your project?" "What's wrong with me arguing with you? After all, you taught me, by example, how to argue?" You know, you just don't go there, do you? All sin, of course, starts in this unassuming, seemingly innocent fashion. A little question here, another little innocent question there, and the next thing you know you've done something you never imagined you'd do. "Did God really say I can't do this, drink this, smoke this, be with her when my wife's not around, flirt with him, move in with her, take a little money out of the till for my family needs, and so forth?"

Jeroboam put the ugly, dreaded shirt of willful sin on with one provocative question:

²⁶ Jeroboam said in his heart, "Now the kingdom will return to the house of David. ²⁷ If this people go up to offer sacrifices in the house of the LORD at Jerusalem, then the heart of this people will return to their lord, even to Rehoboam king of Judah; and they will kill me and return to Rehoboam king of Judah" (1 Kings 12).

In other words, "Did God really promise me a kingdom? Think about this logically, Jeroboam, yes, use your brain. If the people I rule over continue to travel south to worship God in Jerusalem, eventually, they will fall in love with Him and wind up being the loyal subjects of Rehoboam. How could I allow that? How could I just sit by and watch my kingdom, and all that power, slip through my fingers? I've got to stop that. I've got to do something."

Ostensibly, what did Jeroboam forget? He forgot that God personally promised him a kingdom. He had God's word on it. All he had to do was walk with God, and God would substantiate and support his new empire.

Because of his own lust for power, his own desire to control his life and his people, coupled with his warped view of God, he chose to devise a plan whereby no Israelite in his kingdom would feel obliged to take the spiritual pilgrimage to the south. What would he do? He built two golden idols, placing one in Bethel, on the southern edge of his kingdom bordering Judah, and another in Dan on the extreme north edge of his rule. More on that in just a moment. For now, I simply want you to focus on the fact that unimaginable willful sin begins with a questioning of the Word of God, of the promises of God, and of the character of God.

Remember, Satan's raspy voice whispered in Eve's ear: "Hath God said?" Remember, the old Dragon purposefully twisted Mosaic Scripture when he tempted Jesus in the wilderness (Matt. 4). "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread" (Matt. 4:3). The implication? Are you really the Son of God? Prove it.

Trust me. Nothing has changed since Eve allowed the sinister question to roll around in her mind. Satan comes at us and in the same, sly fashion, usually when we least expect it, seeking to get us to question the veracity, promises, and commands of the Word of God. You know the drill well, don't you?

- If God really loved you, then why are you in so much pain? David said he'd never seen the righteous forsaken, but don't you feel forsaken (Psalm 37:25)?
- Yeah, Jesus said if you would ask, seek, and knock on the door of heaven, great things would happen. Don't you feel like you've been banging on that door for a long time with no results?
- What will it hurt if you pad your work history a bit during your next interview?
- Jesus said if you believed on Him He'd give you life eternal and forgiveness. Admit it, you don't feel forgiven, do you? Especially when you keep doing the same sins repeatedly.
- What will it hurt if I'm with these unbelievers at this bar? A young man I knew years ago had a fine mind. The Navy appreciated his academic scores and placed him on a track to become an engineer on nuclear powered submarine. One day, while at school here on the East Coast, he, the promising young sailor, called me seeking advice. "Hey Pastor Marty, I need some direction with a situation. On the weekends all of my buddies leave the base and party hard at a local bar. I've been staying behind and hitting the books hard, but I'm concerned about them driving home drunk and either hurting themselves or someone else. What would you advise? Should I go with them and be the proverbial designated driver, or should I stay on the base?" Knowing this young man's penchant for pushing the envelope of his life while in High School, and his susceptibility for giving into peer pressure, I responded, "No. You have no business being in a bar all weekend with your friends. The temptation to do what they are doing will be great, and should you give in it just might cost you your career with the Navy." Sadly, within a few months the Navy ejected him and he returned home to flip burgers at the local bowling alley. An innocent question eventually became his undoing because he couldn't control his desires.

Questions which challenge God's promises, command, and Word are like a blazing blowtorch on a pressurized bottle. Keep the flame on the bottom long enough, and something's going to blow big time.

Let me get personal for a moment. Thanks. Got any questions you shouldn't be asking? If so, here's what you need to do. Lay them out before God. Be honest. Tell Him you are struggling. Ask Him to fortify your faith while He's at it, too. Commit to put a stop to the questions, knowing they are a precursor to actions which would make the vilest sinner blush. Beyond this, pose your questions to someone you know, for a fact, walks closely with God. Ask them to be honest with you regarding your question(s), and be humble and teachable enough to listen and walk wisely, even if it's tough. Trust me, cross bearing is never easy, but it's always the best possible way to live because it pleases God while conditioning the soul.

Jeroboam, unfortunately, never obeyed this timeless truth. What will you do?

Another dangerous out-cropping of flagrant sin is found upon the inspired parchment of verses 28 and 29:

Willful Sin Leads To Self-Deception (1 Kings 12:28-29)

Once I choose to openly defy God's revelation, by default, I become self-deceived. Why? So that I can live with my stained and soiled conscience. I have to call light, darkness, and darkness, light so I can hopefully manufacture some much needed inner peace ... knowing I've just purposefully walked away from God. Jeroboam is a classic example:

“²⁸ So the king consulted, and made two golden calves, and he said to them, ‘It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem; behold your gods, O Israel, that brought you up from the land of Egypt.’ ²⁹ He set one in Bethel, and the other he put in Dan” (1 Kings 12).

You've got to be kidding. *These* golden calves he just had manufactured in some metal shop in a no-named Israelite village are the gods which delivered Israel from Egyptian bondage? Really? Is this not the epitome of self-deception? Is this not one of the saddest things you've ever read about a man's spiritual walk? Did he not remember when Aaron went down willfully down this idolatrous road, the end result was divine discipline? Had he forgotten some 3,000 people died for worshipping this ornate calf (Exodus 32:28)? What *was* he thinking about? He wasn't thinking. That's the problem. Sin had tainted his thinking so had begun to deceive himself.

A Christian young, professional man in another state recently walked away from his devout Christian young wife of two years. Why? Did she commit adultery? No. According to him, she's just too moody, too complicated, too needy and now he realizes he made a mistake. So, after they moved into their new apartment he informed her he wasn't going to be living there, he wasn't coming back, he wouldn't go to counseling with her, and he wouldn't sit down and speak with the pastor who married them. I heard the other day he is now saying God will forgive him for making a mistake in getting married to the wrong person at such a young age.

Can you say self-deception? I've got news for this Christian young man. God will not wink and smile at your desertion, ever. To leave your wife for non-biblical reasons will never fly in His mind, nor will it ever procure the favor and blessing of God. Further, choosing the higher road, the harder road in a marriage is always honored and blessed by God. Remember, He hates divorce (Malachi 2:16).

Such is, however, the nature of willful sin. It blinds you so totally you will actually think you are either in the perfect will of God, God will forgive you, that your actions are not (that) sinful, or that God is the problem, not you. Ancient Israel is an illustration of this.

While in captivity years after Jeroboam's idolatrous slide into sin because of their own worship of idols, many of the Israelites didn't the message from the prophet Ezekiel:

¹⁰ "Now as for you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, 'Thus you have spoken, saying, "Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we are rotting away in them; how then can we survive?"' ¹¹ "Say to them, 'As I live!' declares the Lord GOD, 'I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn back, turn back from your evil ways! Why then will you die, O house of Israel?' ¹² "And you, son of man, say to your fellow citizens, 'The righteousness of a righteous man will not deliver him in the day of his transgression, and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he will not stumble because of it in the day when he turns from his wickedness; whereas a righteous man will not be able to live by his righteousness on the day when he commits sin.' ¹³ "When I say to the righteous he will surely live, and he so trusts in his righteousness that he commits iniquity, none of his righteous deeds will be remembered; but in that same iniquity of his which he has committed he will die. ¹⁴ "But when I say to the wicked, 'You will surely die,' and he turns from his sin and practices justice and righteousness, ¹⁵ if a wicked man restores a pledge, pays back what he has taken by robbery, walks by the statutes which ensure life without committing iniquity, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ¹⁶ "None of his sins that he has committed will be remembered against him. He has practiced justice and righteousness; he shall surely live" (Ezekiel 33).

What does God desire from those who've willfully sinned? He desires for them to repent from their sin and walk with Him. Will a person's righteousness give him a pass should he chose to willfully leave the path of true spirituality and holiness? No. God will discipline those who shake their fist in his face, no matter who they are or what they've done as saints (Hebrews 12:lff is a good case in point). If a saint turns from willful sin, what will God do? He'll forgive, restore, and bless them. Sounds fair and just ... because it is.

Note, however, how many of the willful sinners took the word from God:

¹⁷ "Yet your fellow citizens say, 'The way of the Lord is not right,' when it is their own way that is not right.

Are you kidding me? They, of all people, judged God with being unjust. Don't worry, God didn't let them get away with their misguided, erroneous thinking. Through the mouth of Ezekiel, He definitively stated His truth about disobedience and obedience one more time:

¹⁸ "When the righteous turns from his righteousness and commits iniquity, then he shall die in it. ¹⁹ "But when the wicked turns from his wickedness and practices justice and righteousness, he will live by them.

The willfully defiant, sadly, didn't get the memo and still repeated their self-deceived motto:

²⁰ "Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not right.'

In the last clause of this powerful verse, God informed them (and us) that no one will escape His just judgment no matter who they are or what they've done.

“O house of Israel, I will judge each of you according to his ways” (Ezekiel 33).

I know a Christian young man who probably needs to read this passage because his willful sin has led to his unfortunate self-deception. He needs to read and then come clean through heart-felt confession. If he'd only do this, the Lord would forgive him because He's rich in forgiveness and is waiting not only to restore his life and marriage, but will bless him with wisdom for building a great life and marriage. The story of the Prodigal Son in the New Testament teaches us this much (Luke 15).

In light of all this, I must ask you: What are your two golden calves? What sinful idols have you erected and convinced yourself they're really not sin? What position are you currently taking which drips of self-deception so you can hold fast to your sin? I pray God would move you to repentance this day. He waits to forgive and restore, but those floodgates will not be opened until you make a move toward Him (Nehemiah 9:17, “They refused to listen to God and failed to remember the miracles you performed among them. They became stiff-necked and in their rebellion appointed a leader in order to return to their slavery. But you are a forgiving God, gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love. Therefore you did not desert them.” God didn't desert ancient Israel, even in their willful disobedience and He won't desert you either as His child).

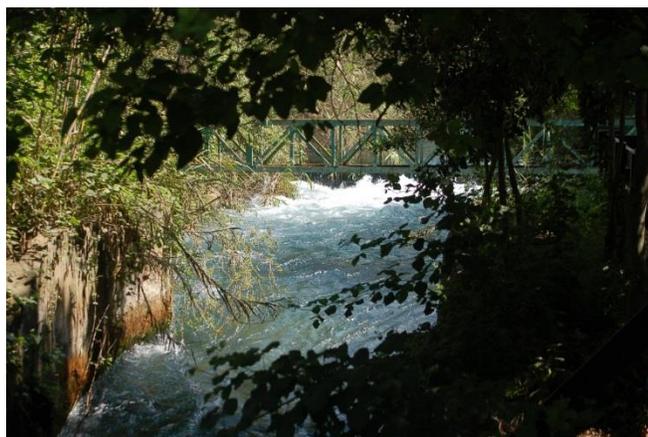
A third danger of willful sin emerges from the ensuing verses from this insight chapter:

Willful Sin Always Impacts Others (1 Kings 12:30)

I know it's a short verse, but sometimes the short verses are the most instructive. I think this is one of those:

“³⁰ Now this thing became a sin, for the people went to worship before the one as far as Dan.”

I've hiked into Tell-Dan two times over the years. It's a gorgeous spot in northern Israel. As you walk in, water from the base of Mount Hermon gushes out of the ground, flowing downhill through the thick forest and undergrowth to form the Jordan. There are birds singing in the trees as you ascend up the path, and the scenery is absolutely breathtaking. Then you make the final turn at the top of a hill and there it is, looming in front of you, an iron replica of the massive pagan altar which once stood here for sacrifice to the gods.



I had read about this site many times during my graduate studies, yet I never understood its draw to the ancient Israelites until I physically stood there. If you lived in this Edenic area of Israel, with plenty of water, food, shade, and fertile soil, why would you ever want to get up and

make the arduous journey to worship the living God in the barrenness of the land of Judah in the south? It's much easier, and much more convenient, to just worship "God" here. Don't you know the people thought, "Surely, God will understand we'd love to worship Him in Jerusalem; however, some form of worship is better than no worship, right? He'll accept our worship even if it's directed at a golden calf. At least our hearts are right."



And so Jeroboam's sin became the sin of the rest of the ten tribes. In fact, his willful departure from God to worship idols became so ingrained, that until his empire crumbled in 722 B.C., his misdeed became a by-word, "To walk in the way of Jeroboam," (1 Kings 15:34; 16:2, 19, 26, 31; 22:52), or to commit the "sins of Jeroboam" (2 Kings 3:3; 10:29, 31; 13:2, 6, 11; 14:24; 15:8, 9, 24, 28; 17:22-22). His sin became the sin of all other kings who succeed him.

Tragic. And you thought that wearing this button-down shirt wouldn't be that costly, that it would just negatively touch your life. Such is never the case. Because people, by nature, love darkness over light, they are primed to emulate your sin.

Take a look at the shirt you're wearing right now? Is it called willful sin? If so, know that it will become the shirt others you know and love will probably put on in their lifetimes. In fact, if nothing is done about it, it just might become the shirt your progenitors wear for hundreds of years.

- Your anger might become their anger.
- Your bitterness might become their bitterness.
- Your hatred might become their hatred.
- Your prejudice might become their prejudice.
- Your addictions might become their addictions.
- Your lying might become their lying.
- Your hypocrisy might become their hypocrisy.

Yes, sin is easily passed on from one to another. But this doesn't have to be the case in your life. You can break the cycle by taking the shirt of willful sin off right now and laying it at the cross of Christ. On that blood-stained, rugged tree, you'll find what you are looking for: It's called forgiveness.

A fourth and final danger of willful sin readily surfaces from the closing verses of this chapter:

Willful Sin Leads To Further Sin (1 Kings 12:31-33)

The Puritan pastor/writer, Philip Henry, clearly understood the nature of presumptuous sin:

“Sins are like circles in the water when a stone is thrown into it; one produces another. When anger was in Cain’s heart, murder was not far off” (I.D.E. Thomas, *A Puritan Golden Treasury*: 264).

Steve Farrar’s words regarding the nature of sin have been quoted numerous times; however, they are worth another articulation:

Sin will take you farther than you want to go, keep you longer than you want to stay, and cost you more than you’re willing to pay.¹

Simple principle, but so often forgotten. Jeroboam learned the hard way. Keep reading the inspired text:

“³¹ And he made houses on high places, and made priests from among all the people who were not of the sons of Levi. ³² Jeroboam instituted a feast in the eighth month on the fifteenth day of the month, like the feast which is in Judah, and he went up to the altar; thus he did in Bethel, sacrificing to the calves which he had made. And he stationed in Bethel the priests of the high places which he had made. ³³ Then he went up to the altar which he had made in Bethel on the fifteenth day in the eighth month, even in the month which he had devised in his own heart; and he instituted a feast for the sons of Israel and went up to the altar to burn incense” (1 Kings 12).

Two golden calves led to a pagan priesthood God never sanctioned, and a new feast to replace the God-ordained Feast of Tabernacles which occurred in the seventh month (Leviticus 23:34). Thomas Manton, another insightful Puritan pastor from years ago, keenly said regarding sin:

“It is Satan’s custom by small sins to draw us to greater, as the little sticks set the great ones on fire, and a wisp of straw kindles a block of wood.”² (*Puritan Golden Treasury*: 264).

How true. Regardless of what anyone will tell you, sin is always digressive ... never progressive. It always leads to greater darkness and bondage. Please, don’t kid yourself.

Many years ago couple I know adopted a son. Because the father had been physically and verbally abused as a child, he was dead-set against any form of discipline for your boy. “Just let him and do and say whatever he wants,” was his mindless motto. When the boy became bigger than the father, he started cussing the mother out when she didn’t pass things quickly enough to him at the dinner table. Looking to her husband for defense and discipline, she got neither. Just silence. Imagine that. Open defiance and verbal abuse rendered by a strong willed son met with no strong opposition.

One day several years later, I got a call from the father who said the following, “My son has just been arrested at a local store for shoplifting. What should I do? I really don’t want him to face any charges. Should I let them take him downtown and book him? If I permit that he’ll be scarred for life.” My counsel? Since I was raised in a law enforcement family, and I enjoyed

¹ Steve Farrar, *Finishing Strong*.

² I. D. E. Thomas, *Puritan Golden Treasury* (Carlisle, PA, Banner of Truth Trust, 1989): 264.

Hawaii Five-O as a teen, the first words in my mind were, “Book ‘em, Dano.” Of course, I didn’t say that. I said something like, “Let the police take him so he’ll learn not to still.” His response? He did what he had to do get the defiant, criminally-minded teen released into his custody.

You see, and know, how this all works, don’t you? Be openly defiant toward your parent’s wishes and shake your clenched fist in their faces, in contradistinction to how God says you should respond to them (Ephesians 6:1-2: “Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor your father and mother which is the first commandment with a promise, so that it may be well with you, and that you may live long on the earth), and you’ll naturally digress to more despicable activity.

What’s the solution? Paul’s counsel is worth reading and heeding:

“¹² Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its lusts, ¹³ and do not go on presenting the members of your body to sin *as* instruments of unrighteousness; but present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead, and your members *as* instruments of righteousness to God. ¹⁴ For sin shall not be master over you, for you are not under law but under grace” (Romans 6).

Once Christ has forgiven your sin at the point of faith/conversion, you now have His power resident in you, for the first time in your life, to break this propensity to continually move from one purposeful sin to the other. Sin upon sin might be stacked up in your life right now, yet Christ promises you real freedom if you will but lay your life before Him and seek after holiness. Aren’t you ready to head in this direction? Aren’t you tired of where you’re sin has led you?

Why not come back to Jesus today?