

The High Cost of Disobedience

Joshua 7:1-26

"Whether you prevail or fail, endure or die, depends more on what you do to yourself than on what the world does to you."

—Jim Collins

"Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life... pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall."

—Proverbs 4:23, 16:18 (NIV 1984)

**1. The greatest threat to _____
is _____.**

"But the people of Israel broke faith in regard to the devoted things, for Achan the son of Carmi, son of Zabdi, son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took some of the devoted things. And the anger of the Lord burned against the people of Israel." —Joshua 7:1

2. You never _____ in _____.

The Lord said to Joshua, "Get up! Why have you fallen on your face? Israel has sinned; they have transgressed my covenant that I commanded them; they have taken some of the devoted things; they have stolen and lied and put them among their own belongings. Therefore the people of Israel cannot stand before their enemies. They turn their backs before their enemies, because they have become devoted for destruction. I will be with you no more, unless you destroy the devoted things from among you... You cannot stand before your enemies until you take away the devoted things from among you." —Joshua 7:10-13

"...The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge." –Jeremiah 31:29

3. God always _____.

And Joshua said, "Why did you bring trouble on us? The Lord brings trouble on you today." And all Israel stoned him with stones. They burned them with fire and stoned them with stones. And they raised over him a great heap of stones that remains to this day. Then the Lord turned from his burning anger. –Joshua 7:25-26

"Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap." –Galatians 6:7

4. God never _____ a _____.

And the Lord said to Joshua, "Do not fear and do not be dismayed. Take all the fighting men with you, and arise, go up to Ai. See, I have given into your hand the king of Ai, and his people, his city, and his land." –Joshua 8:1

*All Scripture ESV unless otherwise noted.



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