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Underneath  
the Bed

- Matt. 15:15-20



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*sickness*

*pride*



# Hunger

*The wolf hunts a hungry man...*

One given to fleshly appetites

- Sexual immorality / fornication
  - to give oneself to unlawful sexual intercourse; to act the harlot, i.e. (literally) indulge unlawful lust [STRONG'S]
- *“We must not indulge in sexual immorality”* (1 Cor. 10:8)
- Lawful sexual relationships exist only in marriage
  - *“Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous.”* (Heb. 13:4)
    - Gen. 2:24



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- Alcohol or drugs
  - *“Wine is a mocker, strong drink a brawler, And whoever is intoxicated by it is not wise.” (Prov. 20:1)*
- A ticket to sorrow and strife (Prov. 23:29-35)
- *“... drunkenness, **carousing**... those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God” (Gal. 5:21)*
  - *“drunkenness, carousing, drinking parties” (1 Pet. 4:3)*



# Loneliness

*... the devil a **lonely** heart*

- **Loneliness** can be due to circumstances or choice
- Either way, one must recognize the dangers
  - Isolated - even from our brethren or from God
  - Vulnerable - need someone or something else
- Your way out of temptation may be to reach out to others (**1 Cor. 10:13**)
  - Company and accountability are often an “ask” away
- Trust that God can heal a broken heart (**Ps. 147:3**)
  - Remember we are never really alone (**Ps. 23:4**)



# Bad Decisions

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- When we don't consult the Lord (Ps. 119:105)
- When we don't put God first (Mt. 6:24)
- We will suffer the consequences (1 Pet. 4:15)
- We sign up for shame (Eph. 5:11-12)
- We can undo a lifetime of good (Prov. 22:1)
- We can limit our future service (1 Tim. 3; Titus 1)





# Greed

... *Greed stalks*

- We try to serve 2 masters...
- Jesus warned us!
  - *“Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.”* (Luke 12:15)
- Greed drives how the world walks (Eph. 4:17-19)
- Greed doesn't even belong among God's people
  - *“But immorality or any impurity or greed must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints”* (Eph. 5:3)



# Sickness

... *sickness* steals

- Our sickness...

... and our loved ones' sickness

- Sickness steals

- Time
- Plans
- Hopes
- Dreams

- Can leave us discouraged and disillusioned



# Pride

... *pride* lays a wicked trap

- “I” want
- “I” need
- “I” know better
- “I” deserve
- Pride can lead to **hunger, loneliness, bad decisions** and **greed**
- Then... pride asks, “Why is this happening to me?”



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You can overcome them

- *“Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts... but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.” (Rom. 6:12-14)*
- You gotta trust God on that



