

"Up, sanctify the people, and say, 'Sanctify yourselves against tomorrow: for Thus Saith The LORD God of Israel, There is an accursed thing in the midst of thee, O Israel: thou canst not stand before thine enemies, until ye Take Away The Accursed Thing From Among You."
Joshua 7:13No2 KJV



There's a famous line by John Donne that says, "No man is an island entire of itself." God's Word is replete with examples of one person's sin causing the destruction of others. We are admonished, "*Looking diligently lest any man fail of the Grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled.*" Many churches are lifeless and stagnant – in danger of "*Ichabod – The Glory Is Departed,*" being Written upon their Assembly by the Finger of God. Individuals refusing to repent of sins like gossip, backbiting, glory seeking, laziness, personal diligence in prayer and Bible study (the list continues) are the *accursed thing* in the Camp of Faith! They sap the Assembly's Victory leaving it to wallow in its own miserable defeat! To effectively fight the enemy, there must be a single mindedness in the ranks. One Commander, One Set Of Orders, And One Purpose. "*Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of Peace. There Is One Body, And One Spirit, even as ye are called in One Hope of your calling; One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism, One God and Father of all, Who Is Above all, and through all, and in you all.*" Satan uses the old tried and true, "divide and conquer," against God's Assembly. Instead of openly opposing us, he separates out our weak and immature, creeps into their Faith with lying whispers, and turns believers into "herd" animals; running willy-nilly into each other; fleeing instead of fighting the enemy! While we squabble, thousands die in sin! Listen as the Holy Spirit Guides us into "*all Truth*" of Scripture! Without fear of contradiction, it's safe to say, less than ten percent of professing believers even know the Voice of God! Tolerance of sin in our homes and Assemblies is tolling out the death knoll of millions; believers and unbelievers alike! Satan cackles with victorious glee while believers are backstabbing brothers and sisters in the Faith! How someone spoke or didn't speak presides while countless multitudes fall to their death from the precipice of sin! If you call yourself a Christian and you habitually disobey, you have taken God's Name in vain. "*Thou shalt not take the Name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD Will Not Hold him guiltless that taketh His Name in vain. God Is Not Mocked: Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap! Be sure your sin will find you out!*" United we stand: Divided we fall! Self-reliance is a deep pit – God-reliance gives us wings!

In the darkness a little stone,
Will cause a fall and leave undone,
But walk in Light and fellowship,
And little stones will cause no slip. –CGP

Defending sin allows one to breed another and then another; helping Satan bring "*the accursed thing*" into the camp. It's the fly in the ointment. One bad apple ruins the barrel, not vice versa. Rationalization of sin indicates weakness and Satan will prey on you all the more. Unless we walk with God, we'll lust after men's praise and the delicacies of Vanity Fair leading us to the dead end of destruction! The smallest stone ripples the whole pond. Your words and deeds affect everyone in your life; friend and foe! Leave "*the accursed thing*" alone!

"Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves." Philippians 2:3 KJV