

Self-Leadership in Joshua 7

Sadly, the Christian world is constantly hearing of evangelists who have failed to lead themselves in a way that is honouring to Christ. We'll be looking at the terrible danger of sin as it is portrayed in the life of Achan in Joshua 7, and then putting together a map that will help us self-lead and manage ourselves in terms of Biblical thinking, feelings, choices (around lust and anger), physical health and circumstances.

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- Joshua 7
- Billy Graham
- East Putney station
- Joshua 7 verse 5: 'the hearts of the people melted'
- verse 7: 'Alas, Sovereign Lord, why did you ever bring this people across the Jordan to deliver us into the hands of the Amorites to destroy us?'
- verse 8: 'What can I say, now that Israel has been routed by its enemies?'
- verse 9: 'What then will you do for your own great name?'
- Stop praying! (verse 10)
- Joshua 7 verse 12: 'I will not be with you any more'
- Joshua 6 verse 18: 'But keep away from the devoted things, so that you will not bring about your own destruction by taking any of them. Otherwise you will make the camp of Israel liable to destruction and bring trouble on it.'
- Joshua 7 verse 21: 'when I saw in the plunder a beautiful robe from Babylonia, two hundred shekels of silver and a bar of gold weighing fifty shekels, I coveted them and took them. They are hidden in the ground inside my tent, with the silver underneath.'
- Numbers 32 verse 23: 'be sure your sin will find you out'

- Psalm 139 verse 3: ‘You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.’
- The Valley of Decision
- Water from the rock as well as the Walls of Jericho falling down
- Numbers 32 verse 23: ‘be sure your sin will find you out’
- verse 17 – Judah
- verse 17 – the Zerahites
- verse 17 – Zimri
- verse 18 – Achan
- Joshua 7 verse 25: ‘Joshua said, ‘Why have you brought this trouble on us? The Lord will bring trouble on you today.’
- Why was Achan’s sin so serious?
- God’s verdict was not Achan had sinned, but Israel had sinned
- Revelation 2 verse 5 – Ephesus – ‘I will come to you and remove your lampstand’
- Revelation 2 verse 14 – Pergamum
- Revelation 2 verse 20 – Thyatira – ‘you tolerate that woman Jezebel’
- My sin affects you and your sin affects me
- Just a little bit more
- 1 Timothy 6 verse 10: ‘For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.’
- How do we get out of a situation in which we think we might be holding up the work of God?
- 1 John 1 verses 8 & 9: ‘If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.’

- Isaiah 53 verse 5: ‘But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.’
- Be ruthless – kill the spider
- Mark 9 verse 43: ‘If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go into hell, where the fire never goes out.’
- So what is causing you to sin?