

OF ROOTS AND FRUITS (1) 2 SAMUEL 11

Looking for the “why!”

- Desire to fit in
- Desire to be accepted & even cool
- Desire to be liked by girls

Introductory thoughts:

Proverbs 26:2 As the bird by wandering, as the swallow by flying, **so the curse causeless shall not come.**

Proverbs 30:33 **Surely** the churning of milk bringeth forth butter, **and** the wringing of the nose bringeth forth blood: so the forcing of wrath bringeth forth strife.

Lamentations 2:14 Thy prophets have seen **vain and foolish** things for thee: and they have **not** discovered thine iniquity, to turn away thy captivity; **but** have seen for thee **false burdens and causes of banishment.**

John 7:24 Judge **not** according to the appearance, **but** judge (a) righteous judgment.

1. There is cause & effect

2. There are usually causes & effects

3. Effects don't just happen!!!

4. Causes are often difficult to discern → especially in oneself!

1 Kings 1:5 Then Adonijah the son of Haggith exalted himself, saying, I will be king: and he prepared him chariots and horsemen, and fifty men to run before him. **1 Kings 1:6** **And his father had not displeased him at any time** in saying, Why hast thou done so? and he also was a very goodly man; and his mother bare him after Absalom.

Examples:

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Thursday nights:

5. False causes are always a danger.

2 Samuel 11:1 And it came to pass, after the year was expired, **at the time when kings go forth to battle, that David sent Joab, and his servants with him, and all Israel;** and they destroyed the children of Ammon, and besieged Rabbah. **But David tarried still at Jerusalem.**

2 Samuel 11:2 And it came to pass **in an eveningtide**, that David arose from off his bed, and walked upon the roof of the king's house: and from the roof he saw a woman washing herself; and the woman was very beautiful to look upon.

“The Sin of Bathsheba”

Who was at fault?

Bathsheba was! She was naked!

Thoughts:

- **Bathsheba is a flat character, David is a round character!**
- **Bathsheba's motivations are unknown**
- **Bathsheba was bathing and normally at a bath you are...!!!**
- **Bathsheba was bathing at a time when David wasn't supposed to be home**
- **Bathsheba was bathing at a time when David wasn't supposed to be sleeping → unless we posit Bathsheba knew / had David's calendar!!!**

- **Plus: David is responsible for David!**

Titus 1:15 Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving **is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled.** **Titus 1:16** They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.

1 Timothy 6:11 But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. **1 Timothy 6:12** Fight the good fight of faith...

2 Timothy 2:22 Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

Proverbs 26:13 The slothful man saith, There is a lion in the way; a lion is in the streets.

Proverbs 26:14 As the door turneth upon his hinges, so doth the slothful upon his bed.

Proverbs 26:15 The slothful hideth his hand in his bosom; it grieveth him to bring it again to his mouth.

Proverbs 26:16 The sluggard is wiser in his own conceit than seven men that can render a reason.

Hebrews 12:15 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;

6. False causes when / while judging others is the norm.

John 7:24 Judge not according to the appearance, but judge (a) righteous judgment.

7. God's amazing grace **can** mitigate & even eliminate much cause & effect!

Romans 5:20 Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did **much more** abound:

1 Peter 4:10 As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold (ποικίλης) grace of God.

1 Peter 5:10 **But the God of all grace**, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you. **1 Peter 5:11** To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.