



leadership manual

1 Timothy



Sermon Series Notes

“No Place To Hide” (2012) (I Timothy 5:24-25)

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Intro: Since we recently covered the errors in the teaching of Henry Wright, we will not teach on v.23.

Illus: How many have ever played hide and seek as a child? I remember how my heart would pound waiting and hoping that my hiding place would not be discovered. There were a few times that I waited, and waited, and waited. Then finally I'd hear the seeker call out “OK, I give up!” I think I heard those words a total of maybe three times my entire childhood.

How many of you still play hide and seek as an adult? You must have young children. If not, you're weird! Have you ever noticed younger children in a game of hide and seek? Sometimes they think that because they can't see you, you can't see them (illustrate by holding your hands over your eyes). Isn't it funny that we often act like that with God? For example, when Adam and Eve hid from God in the Garden, did they really think God didn't know where they were?

* The natural inclination of man is to try and hide from God in his sin (See John 3:19-20).

* When we play hide and seek with God, we will always lose.

- Numbers 32: 23 "But if you fail to do this, you will be sinning against the LORD; and you may be sure that your sin will find you out.

- Heb.4:13; Jesus & Nathanael (John 1:48-50).

* Some sins are not obvious, to us or to others. People who are unaware of their sin but will nevertheless be held accountable (see Lev.4:13-14, 22-23, 27-28; 5:2, 17). See John 16:2; Saul of Tarsus thought he was serving God by persecuting Christians. Remember, Saul was a Pharisee, and one of things Jesus said about the Pharisees is that, because they claimed they could see, they were blind. The most deceptive **unobvious** sin is that cloaked behind a religious front. Religion without a personal relationship with God is very deadly (Nicodemus, John 3). After Saul of Tarsus had a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, he not only saw his sin, but as the apostle Paul he saw it more and more the older he got (sinner, wretched man, chief of sinners). Paul saw his sin, not only because his eyes were opened through a relationship with Christ, but also because he was now no longer comparing himself with others, but rather with the glory of God. See Rom.3:23; Luke 18:9-14; Isa.6:1ff.

* We need to be very careful regarding sin that is not obvious. I'll never forget when years ago God showed me the pride in my heart. See Jer.17:9-10a; Psalm 19:12-13

* Some sins are obvious: Foul talk, immodest dress, prostitution, homosexuality, open pornography, drunkenness, drug addiction, open rebellion, etc.

* What does it mean that obvious sins “reach the place of judgment ahead of them?” It is referring to sin that brings judgment in this life. Article: “Man sought in stabbing struck by lightning.” Biblical examples: Nadab and Abihu (Lev.10:1-2); King Saul (I Samuel 31); King Herod (Acts 12:19b-23); Judas (His sin drove him to suicide); Rev.2: 20-23; Ahab (I Kings 22:29-39; 21:1-19).

* The sin that leads to death (I John 5:16); See also I Cor.11:27-32; God supernaturally revealed the sin of Ananias & Sapphira through a word of knowledge He gave to Peter (Acts 5). Then because they both denied the sin when confronted by Peter, God took their lives. The result was “great fear seized all who heard what had happened.”

* It’s interesting how God works in revealing some people’s sin early on, while he lets others go on for years. Samson continued in sin for 20 years (Judges 15:20; 16:31b), then he hit the wall, hard!

* Moses was caught in his sin pretty quickly. Ex.2: 12 Glancing this way and that and seeing no one, he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand. 13 The next day he went out and saw two Hebrews fighting. He asked the one in the wrong, "Why are you hitting your fellow Hebrew?" 14 The man said, "Who made you ruler and judge over us? Are you thinking of killing me as you killed the Egyptian?" Then Moses was afraid and thought, "What I did must have become known." Getting caught in this sin was actually good for Moses. He was banished to the backside of the desert for 40 years. But during that time, and through that experience, he became the most humble man on the face of the earth (Numbers 12:3).

* Getting caught early can be a good thing!

* The sins of others trail behind them. In other words, every person’s sin will eventually “catch up with them,” if not in this life, at the final judgment. See I Cor.4:5.

CONCLUSION

The only way to not **get caught** (sooner or later) is to **come clean** NOW. In the eternal game of spiritual hide and seek, God is looking right at you!

The story of Achan

- Joshua 7:10-11 God’s all seeing eye
- Joshua 7:13 The call to consecration
- Joshua 7:14-15 Warning of the consequences of being caught
- Joshua 7:16-21 Achan’s foolish attempt to keep his sin hidden

Prov.28: 13 He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy. 14 Blessed is the man who always fears the LORD, but he who hardens his heart falls into trouble.