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James 1:14-15

- ▶ **14** But each person is tempted when he is drawn away and enticed by his own evil desires. **15** Then after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin, and when sin is fully grown, it gives birth to death.



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4. **1 Kings 11: 9, 11** So the LORD became angry with Solomon, because his heart had turned from the LORD God of Israel, who had appeared to him twice. **¹¹Because you have done this, and have not kept My covenant and My statutes, which I have commanded you.**

Deuteronomy 17: 16-17

- ▶ ¹⁶ In any case, **he is not to acquire many horses** for himself, nor shall he make the people return to Egypt in order to acquire many horses, since the LORD has said to you, ‘You shall never again return that way.’ ¹⁷ And **he shall not acquire many wives for himself**, so that his heart does not turn away; **nor shall he greatly increase silver and gold** for himself.
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1 Kings 4:26 Solomon had forty thousand stalls of horses for his chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen.

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1 Kings 11:3 And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines; and his wives turned away his heart.

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1 Kings 10:4 The weight of gold that came to Solomon yearly was six hundred and sixty-six talents of gold

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3. Ecclesiastes 12:13 (Solomon's final conclusion)

¹⁴ Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man's all.

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 4. Did not help the poor and needy (selfishness)
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▶ Isaac

Gen 25:28 And Isaac loved Esau because he ate *of his game*, but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Gen 27:4 And make me savory food, such as I love, and bring *it* to me that I may eat, that my soul may bless you before I die.”



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- ▶ **Gen 27:18** - “Here I am. Who *are* you, my son?”
- ▶ **Gen 27:20** - But Isaac said to his son, “How *is it* that you have found *it* so quickly, my son?”
- ▶ **Gen 27:21** - Please come near, that I may feel you, my son, whether you *are* really my son Esau or not.
- ▶ **Gen 27:22** - “The voice *is* Jacob’s voice, but the hands *are* the hands of Esau.”
- ▶ **Gen 27:24** - Then he said, “Are you really my son Esau.



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- ▶ Bring *it* near to me, and I will eat of my son's game, so that my soul may bless you." So he brought *it* near to him, and he ate; and he brought him wine, and he drank.

Genesis 27:25



Eating and Drinking

- ▶ But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's delicacies, nor with the wine which he drank;

Daniel 1:8



Idleness

He who is slothful in his work is a brother
to him who is a great destroyer

Proverbs 18:9




Idleness

2 Thessalonians 3:10-13

¹⁰ For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: “The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat.”

¹¹ We hear that some among you are idle and disruptive. They are not busy; they are busybodies. ¹² Such people we command and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down and earn the food they eat. ¹³ And as for you, brothers and sisters, never tire of doing what is good.



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²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and **self-control**. Against such things there is no law.

Galatians 5:22-23

