



Key Scripture:

Psalm 101:2 NLT

I will be careful to live a blameless life—when will you come to help me?

I will lead a life of integrity in my own home.

The Craftiness of Injustice

2 Samuel 13:1-3 NLT

1 Now David's son Absalom had a beautiful sister named Tamar. And Amnon, her half brother, fell desperately in love with her. 2 Amnon became so obsessed with Tamar that he became ill. She was a virgin, and Amnon thought he could never have her.

3 But **Amnon had a very crafty friend—his cousin Jonadab.**

Factors That Divide

Mark 3:24-26 NKJV

24 If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand.

25 And if a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand.

✓ Lack of Confronting Sin (Passivity)

2 Samuel 13:21-22 NLT

21 When King David heard what had happened, **he was very angry.**

22 And though **Absalom never spoke to Amnon about this,**

he hated Amnon deeply because of what he had done to his sister.

✓ Lack of Discernment

2 Samuel 13:32-33 NKJV

32 Then Jonadab the son of Shimeah, David's brother, answered and said,

"Let not my lord suppose they have killed all the young men, the king's sons, for only Amnon is dead. For by the command of Absalom this has been determined from the day that he forced his sister Tamar. 33 Now therefore, let not my lord the king take the thing to his heart, to think that all the king's sons are dead. For only Amnon is dead."

✓ Lack of Respect for God and His Word

2 Samuel 12:9-10 NLT

9 Why, then, have **you despised the word of the Lord** and done this horrible deed?

For you have murdered Uriah the Hittite with the sword of the Ammonites and stolen his wife. 10 From this time on, your family will live by the sword because you have **despised Me** by taking Uriah's wife to be your own.

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It's Different More Than A Feeling

More Than A Feeling...

1. **Give** room for justice and reconciliation.

2 Samuel 13:28 NLT

Absalom told his men, "**Wait until Amnon gets drunk; then at my signal, kill him!**" Don't be afraid. I'm the one who has given the command. Take courage and do it!"

2. **Gain** attention in a way that pleases God.

2 Samuel 14:28-30 NLT

28 Absalom lived in Jerusalem for two years, but he never got to see the king. 29 Then Absalom sent for Joab to ask him to intercede for him, but Joab refused to come. Absalom sent for him a second time, but again Joab refused to come. 30 So Absalom said to his servants, "**Go and set fire to Joab's barley field, the field next to mine.**"

So they set his field on fire, as Absalom had commanded.

Mark 8:36 NASU

"For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world, and forfeit his soul?"

3. **Guard** your hearts.

2 Samuel 15:4-6 NLT

4 I wish I were the judge. Then everyone could bring their cases to me for judgment, and I would give them justice!" 5 When people tried to bow before him, Absalom wouldn't let them. Instead, he took them by the hand and embraced them.

6 Absalom did this with everyone who came to the king for judgment, and so **he stole the hearts of all the people** of Israel.

Proverbs 4:23 NLT

Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life.

4. **Genuine** profession of the real King - Jesus Christ.

2 Samuel 15:8-11 NLT

8 For while your servant was at Geshur in Aram, I promised to sacrifice to the Lord in Hebron if he would bring me back to Jerusalem." 9 "All right," the king told him. "Go and fulfill your vow." So Absalom went to Hebron. 10 But while he was there, he sent secret messengers to all the tribes of Israel to stir up a rebellion against the king. "As soon as you hear the ram's horn," his message read, "you are to say, '**Absalom has been crowned king** in Hebron.'"

He took 200 men from Jerusalem with him as guests,

but they knew nothing of his intentions.