

And you see David having temptations and giving away to them ~~xxx~~ which other people have and suppress not because they are righteous or desirous to do God's will but because they are afraid of the consequences. From David there was removed the fear of consequences and consequently these things worked out in his life in the external ~~sphere~~ sphere in the way most people do not dare to let them ~~work~~ work out. But after it had worked out David was very repentant and remorseful and the general purpose and outlook of his life was seeking the will of God and seeking to put God first. The motion of his life was in the right direction rather than in the wrong direction. God is truly interested in what direction are we moving in, not what is the thing to which we have attained. Here is a man who is endowed with unusual calmness of intellect, clearness, lack of great emotional strain. In his life he finds it easy to be a good and respectable citizen. He has certain temptations of selfishness and meanness to which he gives way, but which practically nobody knows anything ~~about~~ about. He proves to be a fine, outstanding citizen. Here is another man whose inheritance from his ~~parents~~ parents makes him ~~xxx~~ such that he is ~~subject~~ subject to tremendous temptations and he falls into these temptations and he gives way to ~~insult~~ insult to which the other man never even dreams of, ~~isn't~~ isn't bothered with. In the sight of God, which of the two is the ~~worse~~ worse? In the sight of God it depends on the inward attitude of the heart and the direction in which the man is moving rather than that which to the human being appears to be the great difference between the two. Many who to us seem like very thoughtful and respectable citizens are in God's sight far more reprehensible than many who appear to be fairly decent character. Only God knows the heart and God judges our heart in relation to the situation which we have to face. He knows our background. He knows our character that we have inherited. He knows what effect we have ~~been~~ been able to ~~make~~ make as over against that character and what the effort of our life has been. He knows that. In David's case he was moving in the right direction, he was seeking to please God. He had a heart that was in accordance with *end of 9.*