

GRAVE DIGGERS

Christians are suffering all over the world needlessly because many of us have buried some dark issues that we thought would never resurface again and have attempted to forge our lives over the buried remains of our past. Many of us are falling into self designed pits or graves that we prepared for ourselves years ago by never addressing our secret issues and foolishly believed that once we buried the corpse of the problem it would never reanimate. We thought that suppression and repression were solutions instead of copouts and openings for the dark spirit realm walkers who pray on those in fear and hiding. The hidden "stuff" never seems to cause a problem until we need to move into a promotion or shift directions and then we find that heap of dirt right where we left it, covered with the dirt of the shame yet unexposed to the natural eye. If we leave it behind someone with spiritual knowledge will find out what we have been hiding and will also know our secret weakness. If we try to dig it up and pack it for the move we find that all the emotions and traumas associated with it are still alive and the shame of taking this wretched secret to our new place is horrifying. This thing has been buried but not destroyed. The very fact that you have to hide it from your neighbors and closest friends is embarrassing enough but the most disturbing thing is that many of us are actually trying to hide our secrets from God. The problem to us and solution for us is that He already knows and the consequences are failure and decreased power over our enemies until it is removed. **Joshua 7:8-11 says "O LORD, what shall I say, when Israel turneth their backs before their enemies! For the Canaanites and all the inhabitants of the land shall hear of it, and shall environ us round, and cut off our name from the earth: and what wilt thou do unto thy great name? And the LORD said unto Joshua, Get thee up; wherefore liest thou thus upon thy face? Israel hath sinned, and they have also transgressed my covenant which I commanded them: for they have even taken of the accursed thing, and have also stolen, and dissembled also, and they have put it even among their own stuff".**

God needs a clean environment of trust and faith to operate fully in our lives. When we do what God commands, especially in the face of opposition and temptation, then we position ourselves for His favor. That means victory regardless of our strength and provision with no difficulty overcoming any of our circumstances. Rocks can become fountains, enemies become servants and God has promised to make sure that your foes can not stand before you. When we hide our sins from God we relegate ourselves to lack and destitution and walk out willingly from under the arc of favor and His divine ability. Israel was not born cursed but made themselves ineffective and useless in Gods eyes because of their lack of true belief in His sovereignty and their lack of obedience out of true love for Him. The children of Israel were not only cursed and doomed for destruction by people who were supposed to be their footstool but the scripture indicates that they created the situation even after warning.

Joshua 6:18 says " And ye, in any wise keep yourselves from the ACCURSED thing, lest ye make yourselves ACCURSED, when ye take of the ACCURSED thing, and make the camp of Israel a curse, and trouble it". The "*accursed things*" in the city of Jericho in Joshua 6 & 7 were dedicated to God for destruction. Do you have anything that you have been hiding that needs to be destroyed? Dig it up and hand it over to the master so that your favor can be restored.

No more secrets in 2009!!