



- King David took a terrible fall – not a physical fall, but a spiritual fall.
- There were definite steps that led to David’s downfall. \_\_\_\_\_, not **chance** determines human destiny. David made some definite choices.
- Let’s examine the steps that led to David’s great fall so that we can recognize these steps, and stay off the path to sin and destruction.

### **The first step – \_\_\_\_\_**

- *“But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.” James 1:14*
- To entice means “to entrap; delude.”
- The devil sets the bait, and tries to catch our \_\_\_\_\_, and get us enticed with evil.
- This was David’s first step. He allowed himself to be enticed.

### **The second step – \_\_\_\_\_**

- To lust for something means that “you \_\_\_\_\_ or long for something.”
- In the Bible, the word is almost always associated with the flesh, lusting after something that is forbidden.

- *"This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh."* **Galatians 5:16**
- *"Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart."* **2 Timothy 2:22**
- The Christian is commanded to abstain from \_\_\_\_\_ lusts.
- *"Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul."* **1 Peter 2:11**
- This was David's second step – he allowed himself to get caught up in lust.

### **The third step – Drawing \_\_\_\_\_ to that which tempts you**

- *"But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof."* **Romans 13:14**
  - ⇒ Eve - Genesis 3:6
  - ⇒ Achan - Joshua 7:21
- What came after the sin in all these cases (David, Eve, Achan)? \_\_\_\_\_! James 1:14-15; Romans 6:23
- Are you on the steps that lead to a downfall? Get off today! It's not worth the \_\_\_\_\_ you have to pay in the end.