

**SPIRITUAL TASK—WHY GOOD PEOPLE DO
BAD THINGS** (2 Samuel 12, 11)

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Story The great King David ended up giving in to bodily desires and committed adultery—getting Bathsheba pregnant. He then had Bathsheba's husband, Uriah the Hittite, killed in battle after he couldn't trick him into going home and sleeping with Bathsheba.

Meaning Good people are capable of doing very bad things. This usually happens when we turn from the Lord, do not keep in touch with His Word, feel a desire for something and don't battle against it. We can become blind to what is good and true when we want something. And the hells are pretty good at what they do.

Task This week look at something that you have been wanting. Build objectivity - if you can - by asking the Lord if this is a good thing for me and the people in my life. Read the Word daily so that the truth is fresh in our minds. If you need perspective get it from an honest friend (not one of those "I will support you and encourage you no matter what you think and do" friends). Someone who will call you on something when it is off base. If you need to say no, then start right then and keep on saying it and acting to move away from it.