

SOLOMON
A PLEA FOR GODLINESS
SELECTED SCRIPTURES



The Heart of the Matter

To be in ministry is to know heartbreak. And there is no heartbreak harder to bear than the heartbreak of knowing that God's children too often live in the rebellion of sin. If we could trace sin back to its source, we'd soon discover its wellspring in depravity—the murky and poisonous waters of a sinful nature. It is depravity that results in permissiveness when righteousness is ignored. It is permissiveness that leads to rationalization when holiness is ignored. And it is rationalization that encourages rebellion when repentance is ignored. But God would have us live differently.



Discovering the Way

1. Deceptive Depravity (Selected Scriptures)

Depravity results in permissiveness when righteousness is ignored.

2. Passive Permissiveness (Selected Scriptures from 1 Samuel 15)

Permissiveness leads to rationalization when holiness is ignored.

3. Rebellious Rationalization (1 Peter 1:13–19)

Rationalization encourages rebellion when repentance is ignored.



Starting Your Journey

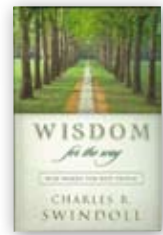
God calls His children to holiness (1 Peter 1:15–16). But how can we be holy with depravity residing in our nature? Consider these three steps. First, take God seriously—fear Him as a counteraction to permissiveness. Second, pursue God vigorously—be honest as a counteraction to rationalization. Finally, submit to God willingly—be humble as a counteraction to rebellion.



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