

## PITIFUL DECISIONS

Proverbs 24:30-34

I passed by the field of the sluggard, and by the vineyard of the man lacking sense; and behold, it was completely overgrown with thistles, its surface was covered with nettles, and its stone wall was broken down. Proverbs 24:30-31

How can you keep yourself from pitiful decisions?

1. Take extra care with the little decisions.

"A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest, " then your poverty will come as a robber, and your want like an armed man. Proverbs 24:33-34

A. Little compromises always look good on the front end.  
But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust. James 1:14

B. Little compromises always lead you down a slippery slope.

Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death. James 1:15

2. Take extra notice of your sick heart.

The heart is more deceitful than all else and is desperately sick; who can understand it? Jeremiah 17:9

A. Sick hearts produce unhealthy desires.

B. Sick hearts need to be healed.

1. By the word of God.

He sent His word and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions [pits]. Psalm 107:20

Establish Your word to Your servant, as that which produces reverence for You. Psalm 119:38

2. By the word of faith.

And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even to death. Revelation 12:11

3. Take extra time to consider where your decisions lead.

A. Magnify the consequences on the front end.

B. Listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit.

And your ears will hear a word behind you, "This is the way, walk in it, " whenever you turn to the right or to the left. Isaiah 30:21

There is still time for you to listen to God and go His way.