

**“Exposed”** By Kirk Hunt

*Why have you despised the commandment of the Lord, to do evil in His sight?  
You have killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword; you have taken his wife to be  
your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the people of Ammon.*

2 Samuel 12:9 NKJV

Nathan the prophet told his parable in public. David reacted in righteous indignation at the account of the rich man’s cruel disregard for others. Then Nathan exposed David’s sin, the cover-up and hypocrisy.

Thankfully, David had the good sense to respond with shame in his error. His repentance appeared to be sincere and complete. Still, it would have been best if David had refused to sin in the first place. Failing to prevent his indiscretion, David’s cover-up only led to more sin and additional sinners.

David was exposed. The adulterous sin he committed was exposed for all to see. So too, the murder he committed also came to light. His smartest play would have been to stay clean. His next smartest play would have been to repent and confess.

Even the best of us are tempted to cover up an error or sin. Public shame and humiliation adds to the private guilt and self-reproach. You will be held accountable for your error and sin. Do not add to the tally in a vain attempt to avoid or delay being exposed.

**Think:** More sin is never a solution.

**Pray:** “Lord, help me to repent quickly and in sincerity.”

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