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1. Complacency leads to vulnerability.

“Therefore let anyone who thinks
that he stands take heed lest he fall.”

- *I Corinthians* 10:12

“If you do well, will not *your countenance* be lifted up? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door; and its desire is for you, but you must master it.”

- *Genesis 4:7*

“To go through the motions is to read Scripture without applying it to your life, to sing hymns in church with little love for Jesus, and to mutter cold prayers with a heart far from God. To cherish a secret sin is to persist in a deliberate pattern of ongoing disobedience, despite the warnings of conscience, the Holy Spirit, and the Word, while pretending to others that everything is ok.”

- Brian G. Hedges
Watchfulness

“Watch over your heart with all diligence,
For from it *flow* the springs of life.”

- *Proverbs 4:23*

“And Jesus was saying, ‘That which proceeds out of the man, that is what defiles the man. For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed the evil thoughts, fornications, thefts, murders, adulteries, deeds of coveting *and* wickedness, *as well as* deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride *and* foolishness. All these evil things proceed from within and defile the man.’”

-*Mark 7:20-23*

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2. Nothing we do in “private” is ever merely private.

“There is an enormous difference between privacy and secrecy. We all have the right to some individual privacy. Our private lives can still fully function in the light. Secrecy, on the other hand, is where we hide in the dark. It’s where the duplicitous us thrives.”

- Beth Moore

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3. God may remain silent, but God is never absent or idle.

“Cowardice asks the question, is it safe?
Expediency asks the question, is it politic?
Vanity asks the question, is it popular?
But, conscience asks the question, is it right?”

- Martin Luther King, Jr.

“A guilty conscience is a great blessing,
but only if it drives us to come home.”

- John Stott
The Cross of Christ

We must lay all our cover ups before the One who was lifted up so that we might be gathered up in His arms of forgiveness. All our cover ups were exposed and expunged when the Savior was lifted up on the cross.