

## **Title: Who do you give access to?**

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**Text: 1 Kings 11:1-13**

I want to talk to you about who you giving access to. Access is simply means giving the right of entry or right of use.

Let me ask you this question: Would you give a thief access to your home? Would you trust a criminal to have access to your office? Would you give a child molester access to your children's room?

People do not realize that this is what we do a lot of times...we give access in our minds the things that could bring great harm or devastation in our lives.

One thing that you and I have to remember that God has given us the power and control who we give access to in our minds.

There are a lot of things that wants to access our minds and we have to be really careful who we give access to. As we don't give access to everybody in our own personal items, we don't give access to everything in our minds. We have to pick and choose and allowing only what would build us up and others.

Caleb who gives access to the things of the devil, such as witchcraft, sorcery, occultism, and such and because of this he became a person of anger, he is so bitter, depress, always talking evil and acting evil.

You will become the person depending on who you give access to.

If you give access to negative things, bitterness, un-forgiving, hatred, anger, unbelief, fear, lust, envy, greed, impurity and such...eventually you will become like one.

Example:

- For those people that likes to gossip are the people that have allowed these kinds of things in their minds...constantly listening to gossips, entertaining it and getting involve with it.
- Greed.
- Hatred

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What do we need to do?

- **Protect Your Mind.**

King Solomon started so great. In the beginning, he only allowed the things of God inside his mind. He was protected of it. He meditated on God's Word. He obeyed them.

But when he allowed some other things that he shouldn't allow to have access to...he began to drift. He fell into sin. He acted in disobedience to God.

You see this is how it works.

A thought of lust accessed his mind then to having emotions or great desires towards other women, to speaking about it and eventually committing the act of sin towards women.

This is all connected: from mind to emotion to speaking, and to acting. But it all starts in the mind.

There are a lot of things that wants to access my mind but I am responsible who I give access to it. I am responsible to protect it.

Unfortunately, there are so many Christians today would allow just about anything to access their minds. They are not careful. They would not protect their minds from negative thinking, critical thinking, bitterness, hatred, un-forgiving, anger, cursing, lust, greed, impurity and such.

Don't allow just about anything to have access on it...protect it. You have to guard it. You have to watch it like a hawk. (Lakeridge Golf Course)

*1 Corinthians 10:23, "Everything is permissible"—but not everything is beneficial. "Everything is permissible"—but not everything is constructive.*

In other words, you can do anything you want. You can allow anything to have access in your mind but you have to remember that not all of them are good and a lot of it; if you are not careful, it can destroy you.

We have to protect our minds just like opening a safe deposit box...you have to secure your mind. You can't allow just anybody to access it but you have to make sure it is protected and you only allow access to the people you trust.

Therefore, protect your mind.

- **Only Allow the Things of God in Your Mind.**

King Solomon allowed some other junk mixed with the things of God in his mind. That can't happen. You can't have the junk mixed up with the things of God.

Unfortunately, he allowed the junk to mix with the things of God and eventually the junk took over.

*Matthew 6:24, "No one can **serve two masters**. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other.*

It's either allowing the junk or the things of God, you can't give access to both.

Everyday I either open or close doors to the things that want to access my mind.

When some of the guys at work are lusting after a woman...that thought wants to access my mind. It is up to me if I open the door to give access to it or I close the door.

I make sure that I don't allow the junk get in my mind.

I only want the things of God. Therefore I must allow only the things of God in my mind. So, I think of purity...I think of obedience...I think of my love for God.

For those people that are spiritually matured are the people that have allowed only the things of God in their minds and they constantly feed themselves with the things of God by reading about it, meditating, speaking, and acting about the things of God.

If you give access to God, faith, courage, forgiveness, joy, love, mercy, compassion and such...then most likely you will become this kind of a person.

Open the door of your mind so wide for God. Allow only what will build you and others up. Allow only what will help you. Allow faith, courage, love, compassion, forgiveness, joy, kindness, humility, servant's heart and such and anything that will bring harm or danger...make sure you slam the door so quickly and not allow it in.

You have to keep in mind that these things are very important to remember because we deal with these things almost on the daily basis especially when we are in the midst of difficulties. So many things want to access or invade our minds. Would you allow the devil to have access? Would you allow your flesh to have access? Or would you allow God to access it?

- **Get Rid of the Junk Today.**

The difference between King Solomon and his father King David was that King David got rid of the junk whereas King Solomon didn't. He held on to the junk that destroyed him and his kingdom.

King David repented while Solomon didn't. King David put a stop to his sin...Solomon continued on sinning.

If you have any junk in your mind today such as negative things, critical attitude, lust, greed, unfaithfulness, hatred, anger, impurity...repent and get rid of it **today**. It does not belong there.

You might not have noticed that for some of you it already spread all over you...your emotions are involved...you're speaking about it...you are acting upon it. Be set free by getting rid of it today.

It is not God's will for you to keep them. It does not belong in your life. It is destroying you little by little. It is damaging you...it's harming you.

Get rid of the junk and replace them with the things of God.

*Galatians 6:7-9, "Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. **A man reaps what he sows.** The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."*

*Galatians 5:16-26, "So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under law."*

*<sup>19</sup>The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; <sup>20</sup>idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions <sup>21</sup>and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.*

*<sup>22</sup>But the fruit of the Spirit **is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness and self-control.** Against such things there is no law. <sup>24</sup>Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup>Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. <sup>26</sup>Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.*

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