



Grapes of Wrath: Naboth's Vineyard

1 Kings 21:1-19

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Introduction: Once you lose the battle of the mind, you will lose every other battle you face! One of the best O.T. stories that illustrate this spiritual truth is Naboth's vineyard. As Ahab leaves his mind unguarded, the results are quite predictable. In 1 Kings chapter 21 there's a natural progression of sin that we need to avoid. The way to avoid sinful actions is to control sinful thoughts. Let's look at Ahab and see what happens when sinful thoughts are not captured.

I. Sinful Thoughts Are Fueled by a Constant Look (vs. 1)

II. Sinful Thoughts Will Affect Your Actions (vs. 2-3)

III. Sinful Thoughts Will Affect Your Emotions (vs. 4-6)

IV. Sinful Thoughts Will Affect Others (vs. 7-10)

A. Like a spouse

B. Like city officials

C. Like scoundrels

D. Like neighbors

V. Sinful Thoughts Lead to a Multitude of Sins (vs. 11-16)

A. He broke the 10th commandment - "thou shalt not covet"

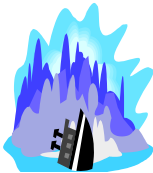
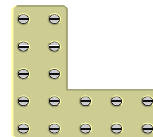
B. He caused his wife to sin

C. She broke the 9th commandment - "thou shalt not lie"

D. She broke the 6th commandment - "thou shalt not kill"

E. They broke the 8th commandment - "thou shalt not steal"

VI. Sinful Thoughts Lead to God's Judgment (vs. 17-19)



Conclusion: We, too, can be sunk by a small sinful thought. One bad thought that may be invisible to others has a way of doing irreversible visible damage.