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FROM THE PIT
TO THE PINNACLE



Two Groups of Jacob's Sons

1. Some were disqualified
2. Some were distinguished



Left to our own devices all
of our lives will forever be
tainted by sin.

Character, Choices & Consequences

Genesis 49

**“Hear, ye sons of Jacob;
and hearken not Israel
your father.”**

Genesis 49:2

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#1 UNCONTROLLED APPETITES LEAD TO RUIN (Reuben)

- Jacob described Reuban as “unstable as water” (49:4) which is a Hebrew idiom saying someone has no self-discipline or no self-control.

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Israel's history shows Reuben's consequences

1. The tribe of Reuban receives very little mention in the nation's history
2. Not a single judge, prophet, military leader, or other important person came out of this tribe.

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There are long-term consequences if you fail to deal with the character issues you have in your life.

#2 UNCONTROLLED ANGER LEAD TO RUIN (Simeon & Levi)

**“Simeon and Levi are brethren; instruments of cruelty
are in their habitations.” (49:5)**

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Israel's history shows Simeon & Levi's consequences

- 1. Simeon was the smallest tribe in Israel (Num. 26:14)**
- 2. When Moses pronounced blessing on Israel, Simeon was committed (Deut. 33:8)**
- 3. Both Simeon & Levi were scattered and never had their own land**

#2 UNCONTROLLED ANGER LEAD TO RUIN (Simeon & Levi)

Some sobering warnings to consider:

1. Anger solves no problems
2. Anger distances relationships
3. Anger is passed down generationally

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#3 A CONFESSING SPIRIT LEADS TO REWARD (Judah)

Judah's troubled past made him a very unlikely candidate for any blessing.

**“He washed his garments
in wine, and his clothes
in the blood of grapes.”**

Genesis 49:11

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