

Secret Sins

(Selected Scriptures)

Introduction: Ever since the fall of man, people have a tendency to sin in secret; to do “it” when no one is looking; to hide from accountability.

* Take warning from the examples of Scripture of the futility of living a secret life of sin

Notice 6 examples of people who tried to hide their sin:

- I. **ADAM: tried to hide in shame and fear** (Genesis 3:8-10)
(Motive: Fear of the consequences of disobedience)

- II. **ACHAN: tried to hide stolen goods in defiance of God’s Law**
(Joshua 6:17-19; 7:1; 21)
(Motive: Fear of the consequences of loss of material wealth)

- III. **DAVID: tried to hide his adulterous affair with a cover-up** (2 Sam 11; 12:12)
(Motive: Fear of the consequences of the loss of respected reputation)

- IV. **MADAM FOLLY: tried to hide forbidden activity in the dark** (Prov. 9:17)
(Motive: Fear of the consequences of public shame and disgrace)

- V. **ELDERS of ISRAEL: tried to hide their idolatry in a smoke filled Temple**
(Ezekiel 8)
(Motive: Fear of the consequences of violating the ministers code of worship)

- VI. **JUDAS ISCARIOT: tried to hide his thievery from Jesus and the Disciples**
(John 12:6)
(Motive: Fear of the consequences of getting caught in financial mismanagement)

Conclusion: Be honest with God, yourself, and others.
It’s a matter of faith, sincerity, and integrity