

Contaminated Obedience

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Numbers 22:21-35

Contaminated food is a big problem. Every year nearly 50 million Americans get sick because of it. I've had personal experience! One night, when I was in college, I was awakened with my stomach rolling. When I got to the dormitory bathroom, I discovered my roommate suffering the same symptoms. Being a generous guy, I had shared my ham sandwiches with him. Unfortunately, they were spoiled. We had food poisoning. With a friend like me he didn't need any enemies!

The threat of contamination is everywhere: in the air, water, and soil there are natural toxins and bacteria. It's pretty scary, and it's not limited to food. Every aspect of life is affected by it. There's even spiritual contamination, a real threat to every Christian.

Jesus warned of inner defilement. Hebrews 12:15 admonishes against a "root of bitterness" that defiles and destroys.

First Corinthians 10:12 warns us: "Just because you're standing now, don't think you can't fall" (my paraphrase). So, guarding our thoughts and desires is crucial.

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