



Secret place or secret sin: (Joshua 6:25; 7:1)

- Rehab hid spies, Achan hid clothes
- Rehab was saved, Achan was destroyed.
- Rehabs family was rescued, Achans family was stoned.
- Rehab lived in Jericho, Achan loved Jericho.
- Rehab wanted to be like Israel, Achan wanted to be like Jericho.

Private sins lead to public scandals.

Christian build with two types of material his life on Christ: (1 Corinthians 3:11-15)

- Wood-hay-straw or gold-silver-precious stones
- Found on the ground; discovered under ground
- Comes in big quantities; found in small quantities
- Cheap; expensive
- Common; rare
- Destroyed by fire; purified by fire

If we are building our life with wood/hay/straw then it will be quick, big, cheap and not last through the test of time or trials of life.

*But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.  
Matthew 6:6*

*And when you have come in, you shall shut the door behind you and your sons; then pour it into all those vessels, and set aside the full ones." 2 Kings 4:4*

## **1. Close the door of distraction if you want God to open the window of heaven**

Intimacy happens behind closed doors! Distractions divide our attention, birth defeat.

Vashti vs Ester:

One served women; another prepared a meal for the king.

One prepared a feast; another led women into a fast.

One lost her crown; another saved her nation

## **2. Don't go to a secret place to look for God, go there to be with him.**

Exodus 24:12

God loves your presence way more than you enjoy his

In prayer God sees relationship more than rules, friendship more than formalities

God is still waiting for you in your secret place even after you have fallen into your secret sin  
Isaiah 1:18; Genesis 3:8-9

### **3. He will reward publicly what's done privately**

If oil flows in private you can sell it in public

Secret place brings personal transformation

Secret place brings demonic elimination (Matthew 11:12; 1 Timothy 1:18)

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