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The story of Balaam continues in the book of Numbers and shows Balaam getting deeper and deeper into sin. At first he only entertained the thought of sin. However, the sin grew in Balaam's life to the point where it was no longer just a mistake, no longer just an error. Now it had become a way of life. Balaam's greed finally got the best of him.

Left unchecked, unchallenged, and unchanged, sin will consume a person step by step. Sin will take you farther than you wanted to go, keep you longer than you expected to stay, and cost you more than you were willing to pay. We cannot excuse sin by saying, "That's just the way I am." Mistakes or errors left to themselves will become ways of life, and ways of life are harder to challenge and change than simple, one-time mistakes.

*Prayer for Today*

Father, help me not to make light of my sin or to ignore the conviction of the Holy Spirit to check, challenge, and change the way I am. Give me the foresight and the strength to keep myself from sin. Thank You, Father.

*Scriptures for Today*

2 Peter 2:15 They have forsaken the right way and gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Beor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness. (NKJV)

Romans 6:14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under law, but under grace. (KJV)

1 Corinthians 6:18a Flee sexual immorality ... (NKJV)