



What Do You Have That You Are Willing to Sell?

Better: Not Willing to Sell?

- Some say, “Not for sale at any price!”
- Truth: We would sell most anything at right price!
- Likely – would sell some very dear possessions
- Especially true – if someone encouraging you to sell!



Would You Sell Yourself?

- ✓ Not in an immoral way!
- ✓ Would you sell out your principles?
- ✓ Would you sell yourself to someone else – slave?



King Ahab Sold Himself

- Introduced to Ahab (1 Kings 16:29-30)
- His story recorded (1 Kings 16:29 – 1 Kings 22)
- He sold himself to do wickedness (1 Kings 21:25)

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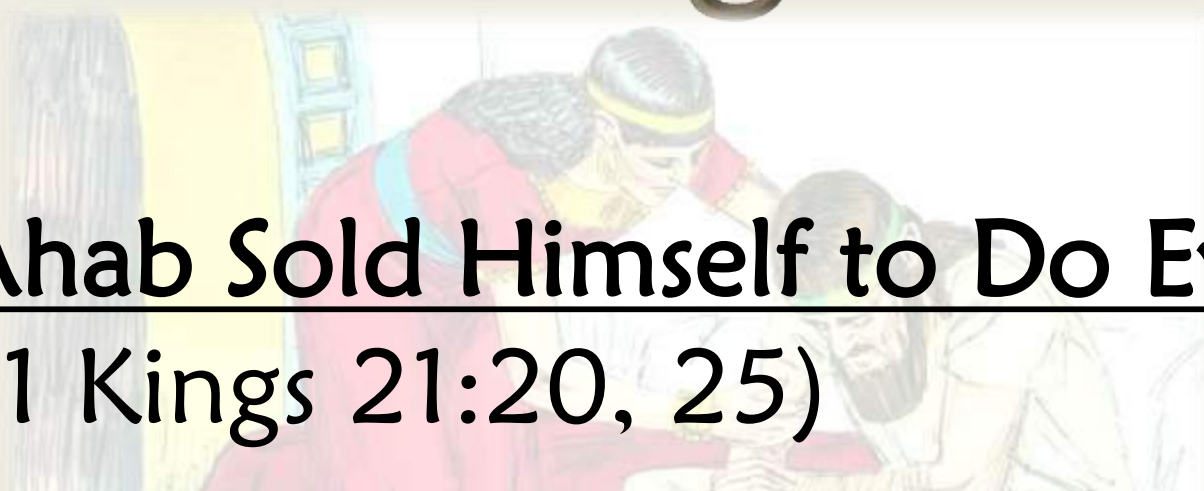
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A Metaphor:
Practice of selling oneself into slavery
(2 Kings 17:17; Rom. 7:14)

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A. Viewed Sin as Trivial (1 Kings 16:31)

1. *No serious consequences (John 8:21)*
2. *No reason for shame (Ezek. 16:52)*
3. *Laugh at those who say it is bad – serious*
4. *Selling yourself when treat sin as trivial!*



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- A. Viewed Sin as Trivial (1 Kings 16:31)
- B. Married a Worldly Woman (1 Kings 16:31)
 - 1. *Jezebel was a Pagan – idol worshipper*
 - 2. *Jews were forbidden to marry Pagans (Exo. 34:15-16; Deut. 7:3-4)*
 - 3. *She brought her worldly influence into the marriage*
 - 4. *Selling yourself when you marry a worldly person!*



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- C. Took on a Religion Like the World (1 Kings 16:31-33)
 - 1. *World worshipped idols*
 - 2. *Took on their religious practices*
 - 3. *No different than world*
 - 4. *Selling yourself when your religion is not that much different than the world*



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- D. Blamed Others for His Own Problems (1 Kings 18:17)
 - 1. *He was the one leading others into idolatry – Thus, he was the one troubling Israel!*
 - 2. *Elijah was merely telling the truth – God’s word*
 - 3. *Blames Elijah for the trouble in Israel*
 - 4. *Selling yourself when you blame others*
 - When you make bad choices – blame those who correct you
 - When the fruits of your choices are evident – blame others



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- E. Did What He Wanted – Instead (1 Kings 20:35-43)
 - 1. *God said he would deliver Ben-Hadad (20:28)*
 - 2. *God wanted him destroyed (20:42)*
 - 3. *Ahab was given illustrations of disobedience. (20:35-41)*
 - 4. *When you do what you want regardless of God's will – selling yourself!*



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- F. Selfish & Discontent (1 Kings 21:1-16)
 - 1. *Wanted Naboth's vineyard (21:1-4)*
 - 2. *Pouted – acted childish (21:4)*
 - 3. *He was king – had an abundance – could have bought another vineyard!*
 - 4. *Willing to go to any length (21:5-16)*
 - 5. *When you are discontent & selfish – selling yourself*



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- G. Disregard for Those Who Proclaim Truth (1 Kings 22:8)
 - 1. *Micaiah (prophet) told truth about Ahab (22:14)*
 - 2. *Ahab hated him because he didn't say what he wanted*
 - 3. *When you reach the point – dislike /disregard for those stand for truth – selling yourself!*



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Could You Be Selling Yourself To Do Evil?

- ✓ *Selling out your principles?*
- ✓ *Compromises?*
- ✓ *Turned your back on what you know to be right?*

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1. *Marriage is closest of relationships – natural that she would have strong influence!*
2. *The Pagans influenced Israel (Psa. 106:34-37)*
3. *Solomon's wives influenced him (Neh. 13:25-26)*
4. *It may be that the influence of a worldly mate or friend is stirring you up!*



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- A. Brought Influence of World (1 Kings 16:30-31)
- B. Destroyed the Influence of Godly Leaders (1 Kings 18:4, 13; 19:2)
 - 1. *Sought to silence those against wickedness*
 - 2. *Those who begin to veer from the path – do not appreciate godly leaders*

Parents When You:

- Allow the influence of the world
- Minimize the influence of elders, preachers, and brethren

You Are Stirring Your Children Up!



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- C. Helped Ahab Get What He Wanted (1 Kings 21:5-16)
 - 1. *There was no telling him – can't have it!*
 - 2. *Attitude was: "Whatever it takes..."*
 - 3. *Helped – aided – planned – how he could do what he wanted.*
 - 4. *When you help, coach, encourage your family to get what they want – regardless of wisdom – stirring them up!*



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- D. Little Regard for Things of Value (1 Kings 21:1-16)
 - 1. *No regard for property of others*
 - 2. *No regard for principles of fairness*
 - 3. *No regard for human life*
 - 4. *When are around those who have little regard for important things – being stirred up!*
 - 5. *When you are not emphasizing what is important to your mate – children – stirring them up!*



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Could Someone Be
Stirring You Up?

Could You Be Stirring
Someone up?

- Feed off of other's fears?
- Feed off of other's dislikes?
- Encourage another, "Not the only one that feels that way..."
- Plant seeds / doubts / ideas ... then build on them?

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