

SLEEPING WITH THE ENEMY

How do you know you are sleeping with the enemy?

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1st King 11:4

The phrase sleeping with the enemy implies that you have someone in your circle who has **DISGUISED** themselves as your lover. However, they're really your enemy. It is a very common tale for people to be sleeping with their enemy.

These types of enemies disguise themselves as your friend, confidant, spouse, lover and trusted voice. They do not approach you with evil intentions. They do not interact with you in a combative way. They are charming, kind, friendly and loving.

It is extremely hard to identify these types of enemies when they first enter your life because they exhibit the characteristics that you desire. These enemies are usually

identified when they have earned your trust, hence the phrase "*sleeping with the enemy.*"

TRUSTED LOVERS CAN BECOME DANGEROUS ENEMIES.

Even when you are sleeping with the enemy, people do not realize this until years later and sometimes they never realize it. This is the type of enemy that wise people become weak for.

Wise people are very good in doing their due diligence in discerning who's quality and who's not. However, even the wisest person can miss the mark. King Solomon, the wisest man to walk the earth fell from grace because he was sleeping with his enemies.

1st Kings 11:4 says, "*For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned away his heart after other gods: and his heart was not perfect with the Lord his God, as was the heart of David his father. For Solomon went after*

Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites. And Solomon did evil in the sight of the Lord, and went not fully after the Lord, as did David his father."

It wasn't outside enemies who turned King Solomon's heart away from God. It was soft hair, pretty faces, charming smiles and smooth skin that turned King Solomon's heart away from God. His wives did more damage to him than his known enemies.

**YOUR DEADLIEST EMENY IS THE ONE
YOU HAVEN'T DISCOVERED YET.**

THE MAIN INDICATOR

The main indicator that you are sleeping with the enemy is the **LOST OF STRENGTH**. When you find yourself depleted of strength you are sleeping with the enemy.

When you are depleted of strength you will **LACK ENERGY, INFLUENCE** and **ABILITY**. When these three attributes shift into a downward spiral it is the primary indicator that the one you are lying next to is the one who is destroying you.

If you lack strength, what you were able to do will be very limited. It will be hard for you to complete God's will. It will be strenuous for you to fulfill your assignment. It will become a struggle to complete your mission. If the enemy steals your strength, he has stolen your **MOBILITY**.

A PRETTY FACE AND A UGLY SPIRIT

Samson was a man of great strength. He fell in love with Delilah who was assigned to discover the secret behind his strength. Samson fell in love with a lady who showed him affection but was filled with deception.

Delilah had a pretty face, yet an ugly spirit. Samson trusted Delilah because she got close to him. He trusted

Delilah because she comforted him. He trusted Delilah because she became the companion that got close to his heart.

Samson's greatest enemy was the one he was sleeping with. The enemy he was sleeping with **POSITIONED** him to be destroyed by the group of enemies he was battling.

WHEN THE PERSON YOU LOVE IS WORKING AGAINST YOU THEY ARE YOUR ENEMY!

Refer to judges 16:4-21 to read the full story. The enemy has defeated many great people by sending individuals who showed them affection while assigned to attack their anointing, purpose and potential. Is that you?

Don't allow the demonstration of love to cloud your mind of the obvious. If your strength is depleting, pay attention! You could be sleeping with the enemy.

HERE ARE FIVE SIGNS YOU ARE BEING DRAINED OF STRENGTH

- Your strength is being drained when what **EXCITED** you before, now **DEPRESSES** you.
- Your strength is being drained when your **ENTHUSIASM** for life becomes **DEPLETED**.
- Your strength is being drained when your ability to be **PRODUCTIVITY DECREASES**. (This usually happens gradually.)
- Your strength is being drained when your passion slowly turns into a **BURDEN**.
- Your strength is being drained when doing what you love turns into an **OBLIGATION**.
- Your strength is being drained when what you conquered is now conquering **YOU**.

- Your strength is being drained when tolerant patience is converted into **UNBEARABLE PAIN**.

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