

STUPID IS AS STUPID DOES – GENESIS 39:6-20

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⁸ But Joseph refused and said to her, "My master trusts me with everything in his house. He has put me in charge of everything he owns. ⁹ There is no one in his house greater than I. He has not kept anything from me except you, because you are his wife. How can I do such an evil thing? It is a sin against God." **Genesis 39:8-9 (NCV)**

- "Stupid Is As Stupid Does" is a modern proverb popularized by the movie Forrest Gump. It was modeled from the 1862 saying, "handsome is as handsome does."
- The point: a person's lack of intelligence may be judged by their actions but also an intelligent person who does foolish things is still foolish. You are what you do.

1. FACING THE DEMANDS OF A CRISIS CAN LEAVE US DEPLETED

⁸ We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about the hardships we suffered in the province of Asia. We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired even of life. ⁹ Indeed, in our hearts we felt the sentence of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead.

2 Corinthians 1:8-9 (NIV)

²⁷ I have labored and toiled and have often gone without sleep; I have known hunger and thirst and have often gone without food; I have been cold and naked. ²⁸ Besides everything else, I face daily the pressure of my concern for all the churches. ²⁹ Who is weak, and I do not feel weak? Who is led into sin, and I do not inwardly burn? ³⁰ If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness. **2 Corinthians 11:27-30 (NIV)**

2. BEING DEPLETED CAN LEAD US TO MAKING FOOLISH DECISIONS

¹⁸ When Delilah saw that he had told her everything, she sent word to the rulers of the Philistines, "Come back once more; he has told me everything." So the rulers of the Philistines returned with the silver in their hands. ¹⁹ Having put him to sleep on her lap, she called a man to shave off the seven braids of his hair, and so began to subdue him. And his strength left him. ²⁰ Then she called, "Samson, the Philistines are upon you!" He awoke from his sleep and thought, "I'll go out as before and shake myself free." But he did not know that the LORD had left him. ²¹ Then the Philistines seized him, gouged out his eyes and took him down to Gaza. Binding him with bronze shackles, they set him to grinding in the prison. **Judges 16:18-21 (NIV)**

⁹ But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. ¹⁰ That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong. **2 Corinthians 12:9-10 (NIV)**

²⁸ Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. ²⁹ He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

³⁰ Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; ³¹ but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. **Isaiah 40:28-31 (NIV)**

3. JUSTIFICATIONS AND RATIONALIZATIONS ARE WARNING FLAGS FOR "STUPID IS AS STUPID DOES"

¹² Wisdom will save you from the ways of wicked men, from men whose words are perverse, ¹³ who leave the straight paths to walk in dark ways, ¹⁴ who delight in doing wrong and rejoice in the perverseness of evil, ¹⁵ whose paths are crooked and who are deviant in their ways. ¹⁶ It will save you also from the adulteress, from the wayward wife with her seductive words, ¹⁷ who has left the partner of her youth and ignored the covenant she made before God. ¹⁸ For her house leads down to death and her paths to the spirits of the dead. **Proverbs 2:12-18 (NIV)**

4. JOSEPH AND TEMPTRESS MRS. POTIPHAR

¹⁰ The woman talked to Joseph every day, but he refused to have sexual relations with her or even spend time with her. ¹¹ One day Joseph went into the house to do his work as usual and was the only man in the house at that time. ¹² His master's wife grabbed his coat and said to him, "Come and have sexual relations with me." But Joseph left his coat in her hand and ran out of the house. **Genesis 39:10-12 (NCV)**

5. JOSEPH PLACED HIS LOYALTY TO GOD ABOVE EVERYTHING ELSE

⁹ "There is no one greater in this house than I, and he has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How then could I do this great evil and sin against God?" **Genesis 39:9 (NASB)**

²⁷ For a harlot is a deep pit And an adulterous woman is a narrow well. **Proverbs 23:27 (NASB)**