Introduction:
   A. James teaches two vital principles about the nature of sin.
      1. Its origin in our lives (vv. 12-14)
      2. Its growth in our lives (v. 15)
   B. We want to study this growth principle from two angles:

Discussion:
I. The Principle Illustrated by Some People in the Bible.
   A. Joseph’s brothers (Gen. 37).
      1. Hatred and envy (vv. 4, 11; cf. 1 Pet. 2:1).
      2. Conspiracy (v. 18).
      3. Cast him into pit (v.24).
      4. Sold him into slavery (v. 28).
      5. Deceived their father (vv. 31-34; cf. Rev. 21:8).
   B. David (2 Sam. 11).
      1. Idleness (vv. 1, 2 cf. 1 Tim. 5:13).
      2. Looked and Lusted (vv. 2, 3)
      3. Adultery (v. 4).
      4. Treachery (vv. 6-13).
      5. Murder (vv. 14-17).
   C. Peter (Mt. 26:58-75).
      1. Over-confidence (v. 33)
      2. Followed afar off (v. 58).
      3. Denied Lord and lied (v. 69-70).
      4. Denied with oath (v. 72).
      5. Denied with cursing and swearing (v. 74).
   D. Persecutors of the early Christians.
      2. Imprisoned them (Acts 5:18).
   E. Apostates from truth (2 Tim. 4:3,4).
      1. Will not endure — an attitude.
      2. Develop itching ears.
      3. Find teachers preach what want not need.
      4. Turn away ears from truth — will not have it.
      5. Turned to fables — completely gone.

II. The Principle Illustrated by Some People Today.
   A. Those who “quit the church.”
   B. Dancing.
   C. Indecent clothing (cf. Prov. 7:10, 21-23).
   D. Social drinking.
   E. Gambling.
   F. Christian church apostacy.
   G. Modern digression.

Conclusion:
   A. Nip sin in bud (cf. 1 Thess. 5:22)
   B. Do not justify or cover it up.
   C. Repent and get forgiveness before become full grown.