

# MORAL FAILURE

EROSION  
ISAIAH 5

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Erosion Check 1: What occupies my DREAMS? (*Isaiah 5:7-12 NLT*)

- Moral erosion always occurs when my life's goal is a pursuit of THINGS or EXPERIENCES.
- My life has impact when I PURSUE the things and experiences of God.

Erosion Check 2: Which of my ACTIONS require moral manipulation? (*Isaiah 5:18-24 NLT*)

- Moral erosion occurs when, in my arrogance, I seek to shape my own MORAL SYSTEM.
- My life has impact when I seek GOD'S moral system for my life.

My life has impact when Jesus is IMPACTING me. (*John 15:1-5 ESV*)

## DIGGING DEEPER

1. Read Isaiah 5:1-6. What stands out to you about the analogy of the vineyard? Identify the meaning of some of the imagery (the owner of the vineyard, preparing the soil, the good vines, the wild grapes).
2. What "wild grapes" are most common in your life?
3. Isaiah 5:8-24 lists a series of six warnings. What is the significance of each of these warnings? Do any of these warnings specifically resonate with you?
4. The first two warnings, vs. 8-12, focus on the moral failing of a life that pursues either wealth or pleasure. How can pursuing wealth and pleasure lead to moral failure? How can it distract us from the things of God?
5. The final four warnings, vs. 18-22, look at a life where morality has been twisted and corrupted. How can a person evaluate their morality to pursue actions that are pure and virtuous?

## TAKING IT HOME

1. In what areas of your life are you most susceptible to selfishness and/or greed?
2. What is one grey area of your life where you are unsure of your moral decisions? Spend some time this week searching Scripture for a biblical perspective.
3. In John 15, Jesus tells us to abide in Him. What does that look like for you? What is one way you can better abide in Him this week?