

## Signs of Spiritual Weakness

- 1) Shifting priorities (Less of the Lord; More of self) – **Matthew 6:33**
  - a. Decreased desire to study God’s word (“appetite”) – **Matthew 5:6; Acts 17:11**
  - b. Habitual rather than heart-felt prayers – **Matthew 6:5-8; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**
  
- 2) Shifting perception of sin – **Isaiah 5:20**
  - a. Classifying sins as “little/big”; excusing sin/making exceptions for sin
  - b. Remember King Saul!
  - c. **1 Thessalonians 5:21-22**
  
- 3) Shifting use of time – **Colossians 4:5**
  - a. More time spent with worldly friends – **1 Corinthians 15:33-34**
  - b. Sporadic attendance at the assemblies – **Hebrews 10:24-25** (Notice that this is one of the *later* symptoms!)
  - c. **2 Timothy 2:22**