



Thorns *and* snares *are* in the way of the perverse; He who guards his soul will be far from them.

**Introduction:** Every horrific decision we make is preceded by a series of smaller ill-advised and unwise decisions. They may not be of the magnitude of that major one, but they are what lead to it. We must learn to build fences around our lives that prevent us from stepping into dumb decisions. We must choose to build those fences high enough and far enough from the edge that if we do compromise those boundaries, there will be no consequences.

## I. Steps that lead to Moral Failure

## II. Attitudes that keep us close to the Edge

## III. Fences that will keep us from stepping in Stupidity