



**WEDNESDAY EVENING  
BIBLE STUDY**

OPEN YOUR BIBLE TO:  
**2 SAMUEL 15**



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**Warning Signs That You Are Scheming**





A TALE OF  
*A study in brokenness*  
THREE KINGS

*Gene Edwards*

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## Proverbs 6

16 These six things the Lord hates, Yes, seven are an abomination to Him:

17 A proud look, A lying tongue, Hands that shed innocent blood,

18 A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that are swift in running to evil,

19 A false witness who speaks lies, And one who sows discord among brethren.



Divisive people almost never see themselves as divisive. They see themselves as crusaders for God's righteous cause and often believe or hope God's hand is upon them.

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Absalom's clever approach made him able to subvert and divide David's kingdom without saying any specific thing that could condemn him. Absalom could do all this and say, "I'm helping David to deal with all this discontent" while Absalom was in fact promoting discontent.

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So David reigned over all Israel; and David administered  
judgment and justice to all his people.

**2 Samuel 8:15**



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With great skill, the egotistical prince used every device at his disposal to mesmerize the people and win their support. David had won the hearts of the people through sacrifice and service, but Absalom did it by manufacturing an image of himself that the people couldn't resist. David was a hero; Absalom was only a celebrity.

**Warren Wiersbe, "Be" Commentary Series**



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## Acts 20

**29** For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. **30** Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves. **31** Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears.



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