

## VI. How Sin Works On Us

“Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him. Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.” (James 1:12-15). Especially read the entire chapter of Romans 7.

### 1. First we resist sin

This is done through the mechanisms of the conscience, moral teachings, and the work of the Holy Ghost (John 16:8-11).

### 2. Then we are allured by the presence of sin.

### 3. The allurement of the sin draws us away from God and righteousness.

### 4. Once drawn away we are tempted

We are tempted by the sin, the tempter, and our own lusts (desires).

### 5. Then we are enticed by the tempter to try it

See Matthew 4:3.

### 6. Then we yield to it and participate in it.

### 7. Then we tolerate the sin and accommodate it more and more.

### 8. Then we rationalize that it's not that bad.

### 9. Then we embrace it.

### 10. Then we defend it.

### 11. Then we promote it and invite others to participate in it.

### 12. Then we are dead in it.

All spiritual energy in us is killed. There remains no more desire to repent and be holy. We resign ourselves to a life in sin.

## VII. Thirteen reasons not to sin

Often we continue in a particular sin because we have no motivation to stop. We enjoy it. It gives us a temporal pleasure each time we participate in it. It gives pleasure for a season (Hebrews 11:25). But all sin brings forth death. It kills our joy, zeal, love, devotion, desire for God, and burden for souls.

May the following reasons motivate to give up all sin.

## **1. Sin disrupts fellowship with God.**

“Behold, the LORD’s hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.” (Isaiah 59:1,2).

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:9).

## **2. It defeats the purpose of God’s Word.**

“My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:” (1 John 2:1).

## **3. It will make you do things you do not want to do.**

“Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me... Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.” (Romans 7:17,20).

## **4. It will withhold good things from you.**

“Your iniquities have turned away these things, and your sins have withholden good things from you.” (Jeremiah 5:25).

## **5. It causes a victim to be harmed.**

“For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself.” (Romans 14:7). Sin will make us heartless (Hosea 4:11, Matthew 24:12). Heartless people do not do God’s work or win souls.

## **6. It causes death in the believer.**

“For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die:...” (Romans 8:13a).

## **7. It affects our prayer lives.**

“If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me:” (Psalms 66:18).

## **8. It reminds God of the death of His own Son.**

“I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins.” (Isaiah 43:25).

## **9. It will surface eventually.**

“But if ye will not do so, behold, ye have sinned against the LORD: and be sure your sin will find you out.” (Numbers 32:23).

“Ye that love the LORD, hate evil: he preserveth the souls of his saints; he delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked.” (Psalm 97:10).

## 10. It will cause painful consequences that one must live with.

“Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.” (Galatians 6:7-8).

It can cause unpleasant emotions such as guilt, shame and embarrassment.

## 11. It will bring chastisement.

“But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world. Wherefore, my brethren, when ye come together to eat, tarry one for another.” (I Corinthians 11:32-33).

## 12. It will affect future generations.

“Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;” (Exodus 20:5).

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## 13. It will give occasion to the enemies of God to blaspheme.

“Howbeit, because by this deed thou hast given great occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme, the child also that is born unto thee shall surely die.” (2 Samuel 12:14).

## VII. Conclusion

The Bible admonishes us to “sin not.” Sin is like cancer. Nobody puts cancer into their body – they try to get it all out. We should treat sin as a spiritual cancer.

“Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; **cease to do evil;**” (Isaiah 1:16).

“Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: **sin no more**, lest a worse thing come unto thee.” (John 5:14).

“She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and **sin no more.**” (John 8:11).

“Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.” (Romans 6:12).

“Awake to righteousness, and **sin not**; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame.” (1 Corinthians 15:34).

“My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye **sin not**. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.” (1 John 2:1).

“...that sin by the commandment might become exceeding sinful.” (Romans 7:13b).