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# Evil

## Introduction

### 1. All of us have sinned

Romans 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Ecclesiastes 7:20 For there is not a just man on earth who does good And does not sin.

### 2. Sin, in the moment and on the surface can seem to be very tempting, alluring and pleasurable.

Hebrews 11:25 choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin,

### 3. How can former sinners like ourselves, learn to abhor what we once loved and found so appealing?

Romans 12:9 Let love be without hypocrisy. **Abhor what is evil.** Cling to what is good.

### 4. How do we learn to get rid of something, that we once viewed as something that we could not live without or something that was a major source of supposed happiness in our lives?

Matthew 5:30 And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, **than for your whole body to be cast into hell.**

### 5. How do I shun sin when I have repeatedly engaged in it, believed the same old lie time and again, and have formed an incredible strong habit and addiction? In this lesson **I want to address such questions:**

## What Am I Becoming?

### 1. Carmela Bouchbout once stated:

“Remorse is so bitter. I would give everything just to turn the clock back”

Deuteronomy 32:29 Oh, that they were wise, that they understood this,  
That they would consider their latter end!

Proverbs 19:20 Listen to counsel and receive instruction, That you may be  
wise in your latter days.

Proverbs 5:11 And you mourn at last, When your flesh and your body are  
consumed,

### 2. Sin will turn me into something that I do not want to become. In the first Psalm the righteous man is pictured as a hardy tree that is firmly planted by streams of water and which yields fruit in its season (Psalm 1:3).

A. Then it says: “It’s leaf does not wither.”

### 3. In like manner, in the book of Jeremiah, chapter 17, the godly person is likened to a tree that is always green, even in a time of drought (Jeremiah 17:8).

A. While the ungodly person is compared to a bush that yields nothing productive (17:6).

- 1) I don’t want to be a person who withers, who is silent, when someone needs to speak up, who is absent when I need to be present, and who withers when people seek to depend upon me.

**4. If I remain in sin, I will lead a useless life, I will become chaff:**

Psalms 1:4 The ungodly are not so, But are like the chaff which the wind drives away.

- A. Something that is unproductive and is simply fit to be burned.**
- B. Sin will transform me into a person who makes no real and lasting contribution to society. Whatever I achieve will simply be blown away after I am gone.**

**5. At the Final Judgment, Jesus will tell many:**

Matthew 7:22-23 Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' And then I will declare to them, **'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'**

- A. In other words — “you have nothing to offer!”**

**It Will Always Catch Up to Us****1. Listen to the words of God:**

Numbers 32:23 But if you do not do so, then take note, you have sinned against the LORD; and **be sure your sin will find you out.**

Ecclesiastes 12:14 For **God will bring every work into judgment**, Including every secret thing, Whether good or evil.

1 Timothy 5:24 Some men's sins **are clearly evident**, preceding them to judgment, but **those of some men follow later.**

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**2. Obviously, we will give an answer at the Judgment.****A. “find you out” involves even more than that. It will catch up to us in this life!**

Galatians 6:7-8 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.

**3. From his book “Go and Sin no More,” Michael Brown writes on p.51:**

We cannot avoid or escape becoming what we are thinking and or practicing. Such will take a toll upon our character, our relationships, our marriages, and our physical, emotional and mental health. It is simply impossible to become a confident, mature and strong Christian who can face death and challenges with optimism and be involved in sin. Such will prevent many blessings from showing up in our lives, such as the peace that God promises to the faithful (Philippians 4:7). Sin will simply steal away from us our joy, confidence, and contentment. The Bible warns us with many examples of people who tried to live a double life and the outcome was always the same. Such yielded a guilt ridden and shriveled kind of existence (Psalm 32:3; Luke 8:14). “It messes everything up. It messes up your day, messes up your family, messes up your health, messes up your finances, messes up your job, messes up your mind.”

## Nothing Will Get Better

1. **Thomas Manton stated: "First we practice sin, then defend it, then boast of it."**
2. **Sin, will only lead to more sin.**
  - A. **Consider the example of David if you don't believe that such is possible.**
    - 1) **One of the most godly men in the Old Testament ended up committing adultery and then having an innocent man murdered in the attempt to cover his tracks.**
  - B. **Judas, an apostle starts out as a thief and ends up betraying Jesus.**

Proverbs 27:20 Hell and Destruction are never full; So the eyes of man are never satisfied.

1 Corinthians 5:5 deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

Ephesians 4:22 that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts,

2 Timothy 3:13 But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived.

## It Is Slavery

- 1. Every time we sin or repeat the same sin, we are only creating another cord or rope that is being wrapped around us.**

Proverbs 5:22 His own iniquities entrap the wicked man, **And he is caught in the cords of his sin.**

John 8:24 Therefore I said to you that **you will die in your sins**; for if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins."

- A. We are making it harder to overcome this in the future.**

- 2. Brown writes in his commentary on p. 31:**

"No one wants to be a slave. Slaves have no freedom, no rights. Slaves live to do the will of another. They have no future, no ability to determine their lot in life, no hope – unless someone can liberate them. Slavery is misery, especially when the master is harsh, selfish, insensitive, cruel, and powerful"

- A. The reality is that sin will always drag us down.**

- 3. Brown also writes in his commentary on p. 35:**

"No one becomes more of any virtue, a better husband or wife while in sin. No one develops higher standards. Rather, "Ask yourself some serious questions. Which way are you going? Are your standards higher today than they were in the past, or have they gradually become lower? Is your ability to resist temptation stronger now than it was before, or do you find yourself slipping more quickly, sinning more freely, yielding more easily? And are you doing things now – habitually, or with some regularity, or with little sense of conviction or guilt – that you would never have gone near in the past?"

## Humiliation Will Happen

### 1. Satan loves to humiliate us!

Proverbs 6:32-33 Whoever commits adultery with a woman lacks understanding; **He who does so destroys his own soul.** Wounds and dishonor he will get, And his reproach will not be wiped away.

### 2. Just think of what happened to Samson, with his eyes gouged out and being put on display by the Philistines.

**A. The question is not whether or not we will be shamed, embarrassed, exposed and humiliated, the real question is when will this happen?**

### 3. For all who continue in sin, such will happen at the Judgment when the entire world will hear all your secrets.

**A. Yet, often in this life the sinner ends up humiliated as well. By contrast, God wants us to have confidence before Him and the absence of fear.**

Hebrews 4:16 Let us therefore **come boldly to the throne of grace,** that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

1 John 3:21 Beloved, **if our heart does not condemn us,** we have confidence toward God.

1 John 4:17-18 Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love; but **perfect love casts out fear,** because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.

### 4. Satan wants us to cower in fear, and have no boldness with regard to truth or righteousness.

## **Sin Makes Light of Jesus' Blood**

- 1. The only thing that could ever liberate us from the bondage of sin was the blood of Jesus.**

1 Peter 1:18-19 knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but **with the precious blood of Christ**, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

- 2. In order for us to be forgiven, God Himself had to come to this world, assume human flesh, and then suffer an agonizing death.**
  - A. That is just how bad sin is. Only Jesus' death could atone for any of our sins.**
- 3. Therefore, to continue in sin is to show incredible contempt for the blood of Christ.**
- 4. May we all truly see sin for what it really is, something selfish, dishonest, and having no regard for God or others.**

