

Truth and Consequences!

Can we be a Christian and serve the Devil in certain areas? - Yes - Non surrender in certain areas

Keeping control over anything is pride – Anything that becomes more important than God –is Idolatry.

THE CONSEQUENCE OF SIN -

Jas 1:14 But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. 15 Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

Rom 6:23 The wages of sin is death

WHAT DO WE DO WITH SIN AND ITS TEMPTATION? - Simply say NO – at the decision point – who do you serve?

Deut 30:19 Choose this day whom you serve – **Every sin is based on a “wrong decision” at a particular point.**

We must let the purity of the gospel go deep enough to drive out or dispel the pollution of sin.

Sin is to miss the mark or to wander in understanding, or to move away from – Disobedience / Neglect to do

The Source for my Decisions – (every decision I make should find its origin in the Word)

Matt 6:33 - Seek God first and His way of doing things

Deut 28:1,2 – God will bless us if we hear and obey His word

Psa 1:1-4 – relationships influence decisions -godly counsel, walk not with sinners, don't sit with scorners

I Cor 15:33 – Bad relationships will corrupt a good lifestyle

Josh 1:8 – Good success comes from staying in God's word.

I Thes 5:22 – Abstain from the **very appearance** of evil – Do not give any place for doubt of your life in God.

Wrong input!

THE POWER OVER SIN – IS INHERENT WITH IN US – IN OUR CHOICES (right ones)

Jesus set the example –**total dependence** on the Holy Spirit and **Say what Father says, Do what Father does!**

Gen 4:7 If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, **sin lieth at the door**. And unto thee shall be his desire, **and thou shalt rule over him**. (Sin wants to master you, do not let it)

Rom 12:21 Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

1Jn 4:4 Greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

Eph 4:26 Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: :27 **Neither give place to the devil.**

Jas 3:16 For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.

CONSEQUENCES OF SIN -

Joh 8:34 Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, **Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin.**

Rom 6:16 Know ye not, that to **whom ye yield** yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

2Co 6:14 - 17 What fellowship has righteousness with unrighteousness? Come out be separate, and touch not the unclean Displeasing God and opening the door for the devil to bring pressure to bear is sin.

- Why do we make wrong choices – Doing things that God asks or commands us not to do?

Lack of **communion and union** causing weakness in given areas - Our victory in God is hinged on these two.

Rom 8:13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye **through the Spirit do mortify (deprive of its power to live in you) the deeds** of the body, ye shall live.

1Ti 5:20 Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear. (not practiced by most churches)

IDOLATRY- PRIDE - IDOL –that which is vain, empty of no value, good for nothing

1Sa 15:23 For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry.

Pride is born out of disobedience – Doing what I want or will over what God wants

THE ENTRANCE OF PRIDE/IDOLATRY - IN HEAVEN

Isa 14:12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, for thou hast said in thine heart,

Luk 10:18 And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.

IN THE GARDEN

Gen 2:16 The tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: in that day thou shalt surely die.

Gen 3:4 And the serpent (the father of lies) said, Ye shall not surely die: **ye shall be as gods** knowing good and evil.

WHAT DO WE DO TO STAY SIN FREE? – free from pride and idolatry - (Live in the Word)

Stop believing that you can run your life better than God. Stop believing God does not know YOUR situation

The Word moves man – John 8:32 – Know the truth and the truth will set you free.

The Word abides in man – John 15:4 - Abide in me, and I in you.

The Man abides in the Word – John 8:31- If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;

1Co 6:20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore **glorify God in your body, and in your spirit**, which are God's.

AND TO KNOW WHAT IS SIN – AND NOT DO IT. (the Word qualifies sin)

Rom 14:23b And for whatsoever is not of faith is sin.

Col 3:5 Mortify (deprive of the power to live) your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, (longing for what is forbidden) and covetousness, which is **idolatry**:
Gal 5:19 Now the works of the flesh are adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, **idolatry**, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, 21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, etc. they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

1Co 10:14 Wherefore, my dearly beloved, flee from **idolatry**.

Pro 6:1 These seven things *are* an abomination to God: **A proud look**, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, A heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet swift in running to mischief, A false witness *that* speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.

1Co 6:12 All things are lawful unto me, but **all things are not expedient**: all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any. (some things Christians just need not to do) they may cause other to stumble

Heb 12:1 **let us lay** aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, run with patience the race before us,

HUMBLE YOURSELVES – (keeps us from pride)

Jas 4:6 **God resisteth the proud**, but **giveth grace unto the humble**.

1Pe 5:6 **Humble yourselves** under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: 7 **Casting all your care upon him**; he careth for you. 8 Be sober, be vigilant; your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: 9 resist steadfast in the faith,

SURRENDER OF THE “WILL” - Obeying God will keep Idolatry from our lives -

Pride and Idolatry oppose God's will for our lives - Worse case scenario comes when we do this:

Isa 5:20 Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

OLD MAN IS DEAD – STOP DIGGING HIM UP FROM THE GRAVE

Rom 6:6 The **old man is crucified** with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that **we should not serve sin**.

Eph 4:22 **Put off** the former **conversation the old man**, which is **corrupt** according to the deceitful lusts; **Be renewed** in the spirit of your mind; **put on the new man**, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

Rom 6:22 Now **being made free from sin**, and become **servants to God**, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and everlasting life. 23

Mat 7:13 Enter ye in at the **strait gate**: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: 14 Because strait is the gate, and **narrow** (God's way) is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. (the worlds system will lead you down the wide pathway)

1Jn 2:16 All that *is* in the world, the lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes, the pride of life, is not of the Father, but the world.

Gal 6:8 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. 9 And **let us not be weary** in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

Heb 3:13 Exhort one another daily, while it is called Today; lest any of you **be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin**.

1Co 15:34 Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame.

Our inability to walk in “be ye holy” comes when we do not lean fully the Holy Spirit at the time of our decisions or at the act of our will. Our life in God is lived by the one who is in us. We cannot do it in our own force or power.