

How to Sin

INTRODUCTION

- A. If we are going to do something, we might as well do it right.
 - 1. We all sin (1 Ki 8:46).
 - 2. Since we all sin, we need to know how to do it right.
- B. If you want to learn how to sin & rebel against God, you are in the right place!

IN ORDER TO SIN, YOU MUST DESIRE SOMETHING

- A. Without desire, there is no sin.
 - 1. Js 1:14.
 - 2. Js 4:1.
- B. Some examples:
 - 1. Achan.
 - a. Achan coveted a beautiful mantle, two hundred shekels of silver, and a bar of gold, so he took them (Josh 7:21).
 - b. The children of Israel had been commanded not to covet or take anything from Jericho (Josh 6:18).
 - 2. David saw Bathsheba bathing & he wanted her (2 Sm 11:2-3).
- C. Desire is the seed of sin.
 - 1. If I feed my desire, I sin.
 - 2. If I don't feed my desire, I don't sin.

IN ORDER TO SIN, YOU MUST BELIEVE A LIE

- A. Satan tells us lies in order to get us to sin.
 - 1. Satan lied to Eve (Gn 3:4-5).
 - 2. Satan is the "father of lies" (Jn 8:44).
 - 3. Satan disguises himself as an angel of light (2 Cor 11:14).
- B. The author of Hebrews warned against the deceitfulness of sin (Heb 3:13).
 - 1. Sin is deceitful in that it does not give what it offers.
 - a. It offers pleasure, but it brings heartache & pain.
 - b. It offers to make us like God, but it separates us from God.
 - c. It offers us the freedom to make our own choices, but we end up following Satan.
 - 2. If we are to sin successfully, we must believe Satan's lies.
 - a. We must believe that sin does not hurt.
 - b. We must believe that sin makes us like God.
 - c. We must believe that God does not mean what he says.

IN ORDER TO SIN, YOU MUST FORGET ABOUT THE CONSEQUENCES

- A. Sin has some serious consequences.
 - 1. Rm 6:23.
 - 2. Is 59:2.
- B. Some biblical examples of consequences:
 - 1. Adam & Eve were expelled from the Garden.
 - 2. Achan & his family were stoned.

3. David & Bathsheba's first son died.
- C. Modern examples:
1. A drunk driver kills a family.
 2. A person dies of AIDS.
 3. A person wrestles with guilt.
 4. A person spends eternity in hell.

IN ORDER TO SIN, YOU MUST FORGET SCRIPTURE

- A. Scripture will keep us from sinning.
1. Ps 119:11.
 2. Eph 6:17.
 3. Mt 4.
 4. Ps 1:2.
- B. Scripture will keep us from sinning.
1. Scripture was written with the intent of keeping us from sin (Ps 19:7-11).
 2. But, if we are to be a successful sinner, we must stay away from Scripture.

IN ORDER TO SIN, WE MUST NEGLECT PRAYER

- A. Scripture teaches that prayer aids those who are tempted.
1. Mt 6:13.
 2. Heb 4:14-16.
 - a. Jesus was tempted as we are, yet he was without sin.
 - b. Therefore, we can go to the throne of God & ask for help when we are tempted.
- B. If we are tempted, we can turn to God & ask for his help.
- C. If we want to sin successfully, we must neglect prayer.