

Introduction

From Failure to Freedom

1 Corinthians 10:12-14

Stop! What we are about to cover is impossible and beyond your means unless you are willing to go beyond the surface and deal with matters of the heart as you trust God's wisdom and power.

Symptoms

If we aim to merely have _____ over sin, we have aimed too low. Proverbs 20:9

Our one purpose is to _____ Christ. Revelation 4:11

Sin

Harold Willmington, in his *Book of Bible Lists*, provides a daunting list of at least forty-five sins that God records in the Bible. Take a look at them for a moment.

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| 1. Disobedience,
Genesis 3:6 | 14. Covetousness, Josh.
7 | 24. Rape, 2 Sam. 13:14 |
| 2. Drunkenness,
Genesis 9:21 | 15. Compromise, Judg.
2:1-3 | 25. Causing division
among God's
people, 2 Sam.
15:4 |
| 3. Self-worship,
Genesis 11:1-9 | 16. Intruding into the
priest's office, 1
Sam. 2:17 | 26. Mockery, 2 Kings
2:23-24 |
| 4. Sodomy, Gen. 19;
Romans 1:24-32 | 17. Taking bribes, 1
Sam. 8:3 | 27. Offering human
sacrifices, 2 Kings
17:17 |
| 5. Incest, Gen. 19:33-
38 | 18. Pride, 1 Sam.
14:12-14 | 28. Despising God's
Word, 2 Chron.
36:16 |
| 6. Lying, Gen. 26:7-8 | 19. Eating blood, 1
Sam. 14:33 | 29. Scattering the
sheep, Jer. 23:1 |
| 7. Deceit, Gen. 27:11-
15 | 20. Jealousy, 1 Sam.
18:8-12 | 30. Self-will, Ez. 28:17 |
| 8. Hatred, Gen. 27:41 | 21. Practicing
witchcraft, 1 Sam.
28:7-18 | 31. Prayerlessness, Hos.
7:7 |
| 9. Plotting murder,
Gen. 37:18-22 | 22. Despising a
husband, 2 Sam.
6:16-23 | 32. Attributing to Satan
the work of the
Holy Spirit, Matt.
12:24-32 |
| 10. Idolatry, Ex. 32 | 23. Adultery, 2 Sam.
11:4, 27 | |
| 11. Murmuring, Num.
14:29 | | |
| 12. Breaking the
Sabbath, Num.
15:32-36 | | |
| 13. Rebellion, Num. 16 | | |

Common Battle. Uncommon Grace.

- 33. Teaching false doctrine, Matt. 16:6
- 34. Lack of mercy, Matt. 18:23-35
- 35. Hypocrisy, Matt. 23
- 36. Denying Christ, Matt. 26:69-75
- 37. Polluting the house of God, John 2:14-16

- 38. Crucifying Christ, Acts 2:23
- 39. Being stiffnecked, Acts 7:51
- 40. Blasphemy, Acts 12:20-23
- 41. Unthankfulness, Rom. 1:21
- 42. Boasting, Rom. 1:30

- 43. Disobeying parents, romans 1:30
- 44. Lacking natural affection, Rom. 1:31
- 45. Living in the flesh. Gal. 3:3

Sin is sin because it is an offense to God and seeks to glorify and satisfy someone _____ than God (Rev. 4:11).

Perspective

Our aim is to share a fresh perspective that is _____, helpful, and relatable.

We all have _____ battles. 1 Corinthians 10:11

Your story is a _____ Jesus came to _____. Mark 4:39; Luke 19:10

Giving up is OK if we do it the _____ way! Mark 9:24

God takes us where we are to _____ He wants us to be. 2 Corinthians 5:17; Romans 8:28-29; Ephesians 2:10

Our identity in Christ means _____. Galatians 5:17

Uncommon Grace

God's grace is _____.

God's grace is _____. 1 Corinthians 10:12-14

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____

Judging

What do _____ think?

We may erroneously judge sin based on its _____. 1 Samuel 16:7a

What does _____ think? 1 Samuel 16:7b

Matthew 7:1, Judge not, that ye be _____ judged.

How Do You View Yourself? Psalm 26:2

1. Keep a log over the next seven days (preferably in a notebook, online area, etc.) describing how you feel God sees you each day and why you feel He sees you in these ways.

2. What are you struggling with?

Perhaps in the same area as the first question or on this page, write down the top 2-3 problem areas you believe you wrestle with. Then, next to it, try to categorize it as an action, feeling, thought, or mix.

1. _____ action, feeling, thought, mix

2. _____ action, feeling, thought, mix

3. _____ action, feeling, thought, mix

Record a list of the things you wrestle with over the next week, and each day pray for forgiveness when you fall, strength to keep from falling, and celebrate God's help when you stand.