

## SIN EXPOSED

### A SPIRITUAL GENERAL'S WARNING

Hebrews 12:1-2

Biblical:

- (1) **Deception**
- (2) **Entanglement**
- (3) **Slavery**

### WHY SIN WORKS: SATAN'S 6 STEP PROCESS

- (1) **Desensitization**  
1 Timothy 4:1-2
- (2) **Incrementalism**  
James 1:13-15
- (3) **Addiction**  
1 Corinthians 6:12
- (4) **Identification**  
2 Corinthians 5:17
- (5) **Accusation**  
Zechariah 3:1
- (6) **Shame**  
Hebrews 4:14-16

### A LOVING FATHER'S TAKE ON SIN

- We were created **powerfully**.  
2 Timothy 1:6
- We are invited to **freedom**.  
Galatians 5:1
- We are bound for **heaven**.  
Philippians 3:15-21

## Food for Thought

For the week of March 19, 2017  
(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

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1. This weekend Christopher acknowledged what we all know to be true, sin can be alluring. There are many times when the sin option looks way easier, more cost effective and easy to justify as the better option. In 1 John 1:5-10, we see John addressing the issue of sin in a way that is still very important for us to hear. How does John contrast the path of sin and the path of light in a way that could help us when lured by sin today?

What sins seem to be the most alluring to you and why? Are there any sins you've worked hard to overcome?

How would you describe the path of sin and path of light in your own life?

2. 1 John 2 continues John's discussion on sin and gives us some very clear cut examples where we can choose sin or obedience. After reading 1 John 2:3-11, rate yourself on a scale of 1-5 on how well you are following these verses (1 = needs a lot of work and 5 = doing great).

### **1 John 2:3-11** *New International Version (NIV)* *Love and Hatred for Fellow Believers*

<sup>3</sup>We know that we have come to know him if we keep his commands. <sup>4</sup>Whoever says, "I know him," but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person. <sup>5</sup>But if anyone obeys his word, love for God is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in him: <sup>6</sup>Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did.

<sup>7</sup>Dear friends, I am not writing you a new command but an old one, which you have had since the beginning. This old command is the message you have heard. <sup>8</sup>Yet I am writing you a new command; its truth is seen in him and in you, because the darkness is passing and the true light is already shining.

<sup>9</sup>Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates a brother or sister is still in the darkness. <sup>10</sup>Anyone who loves their brother and sister lives in the light, and there is nothing in them to make them stumble. <sup>11</sup>But anyone who hates a brother or sister is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness. They do not know where they are going, because the darkness has blinded them.

What steps might you take in the next week that would help improve your rating?

3. It's important to remember in the midst of our sin that we have a God who cares greatly for us, has a plan for us and sees great potential in us. As you read through the following verses, take a moment to recognize how these verses apply to YOU. Then spend a moment thanking God.

### **1 John 2:17** *New International Version (NIV)*

<sup>17</sup>The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.

**1 John 2:20-29** *New International Version (NIV)*

<sup>20</sup> But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and all of you know the truth. <sup>21</sup> I do not write to you because you do not know the truth, but because you do know it and because no lie comes from the truth. <sup>22</sup> Who is the liar? It is whoever denies that Jesus is the Christ. Such a person is the antichrist—denying the Father and the Son. <sup>23</sup> No one who denies the Son has the Father; whoever acknowledges the Son has the Father also.

<sup>24</sup> As for you, see that what you have heard from the beginning remains in you. If it does, you also will remain in the Son and in the Father. <sup>25</sup> And this is what he promised us—eternal life.

<sup>26</sup> I am writing these things to you about those who are trying to lead you astray. <sup>27</sup> As for you, the anointing you received from him remains in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about all things and as that anointing is real, not counterfeit—just as it has taught you, remain in him.

God's Children and Sin

<sup>28</sup> And now, dear children, continue in him, so that when he appears we may be confident and unashamed before him at his coming.

<sup>29</sup> If you know that he is righteous, you know that everyone who does what is right has been born of him.

**1 John 3:1-3** *New International Version (NIV)*

<sup>1</sup> See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup> Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup> All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.