

# WHAT TO DO WHEN PEOPLE SIN

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## I. WHY DO I CARE IF OTHER'S SIN?

### 1. SIN HURTS PEOPLE'S \_\_\_\_\_

*"<sup>7</sup> Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. <sup>8</sup> Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction." Galatians 6:7-8*

### 2. SIN LEADS TO \_\_\_\_\_; REPEATED DISOBEDIENCE DEMONSTRATES A

\_\_\_\_\_ *"<sup>23</sup> For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 6:23*

*"<sup>3</sup> And we can be sure that we know him if we obey his commandments. <sup>4</sup> If someone claims, "I know God," but doesn't obey God's commandments, that person is a liar and is not living in the truth. <sup>5</sup> But those who obey God's word truly show how completely they love him. That is how we know we are living in him. <sup>6</sup> Those who say they live in God should live their lives as Jesus did." 1 John 2:3-6*

### 3. GOD COMMANDS US TO \_\_\_\_\_

*"<sup>18</sup> Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. <sup>19</sup> Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. <sup>20</sup> Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you." Matthew 28:18-20*

## II. HOW TO HANDLE THE SINS OF THOSE WHO AREN'T CHRIST-FOLLOWERS

### 1. ADDRESS THE \_\_\_\_\_ RATHER THAN \_\_\_\_\_

#### WHAT IS THE PROBLEM?

*"<sup>2</sup> But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, And your sins have hidden His face from you so that He does not hear." Isaiah 59:2*

*"<sup>6</sup> So letting your sinful nature control your mind leads to death. But letting the Spirit control your mind leads to life and peace. <sup>7</sup> For the sinful nature is always hostile to God. It never did obey God's laws, and it never will. <sup>8</sup> That's why those who are still under the control of their sinful nature can never please God. <sup>9</sup> But you are not controlled by your sinful nature. You are controlled by the Spirit if you have the Spirit of God living in you. (And remember that those who do not have the Spirit of Christ living in them do not belong to him at all.) <sup>10</sup> And Christ lives within you, so even though your body will die because of sin, the Spirit gives you life because you have been made right with God. <sup>11</sup> The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you." Romans 8:6-11*

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#### How To Address The Problem:

i. Don't Attack Individual Sins Unless They Are \_\_\_\_\_

ii. Ask Them If They Believe In \_\_\_\_\_

iii. Activate Their \_\_\_\_\_ By Discussing \_\_\_\_\_

iv. Help Them To \_\_\_\_\_

v. Introduce Them \_\_\_\_\_

**KEY: TRYING TO TEACH ON SIN & HOLINESS TO SINNERS WITHOUT CHRIST IS \_\_\_\_\_**

**& EVEN \_\_\_\_\_**

*“<sup>6</sup> “Don’t waste what is holy on people who are unholy. Don’t throw your pearls to pigs! They will trample the pearls, then turn and attack you.” Matthew 7:6*

### III. HOW TO HANDLE THE SIN’S OF CHRIST-FOLLOWERS?

**1. PRAY FOR \_\_\_\_\_ & FOR \_\_\_\_\_**

*“<sup>5</sup> If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking.” James 1:5*

*“<sup>43</sup> You have heard the law that says, ‘Love your neighbor’ and hate your enemy. <sup>44</sup> But I say, love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you! <sup>45</sup> In that way, you will be acting as true children of your Father in heaven. For he gives his sunlight to both the evil and the good, and he sends rain on the just and the unjust alike.” Matthew 5:43-45*

*“<sup>1</sup> I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them. <sup>2</sup> Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity. <sup>3</sup> This is good and pleases God our Savior, <sup>4</sup> who wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth.” 1 Timothy 2:1-4*

**2. CHECK \_\_\_\_\_**

#### Ask The Following:

**i. Are There Sins In My Life That I Have \_\_\_\_\_?**

*“<sup>3</sup> And why worry about a speck in your friend’s eye when you have a log in your own? <sup>4</sup> How can you think of saying to your friend, ‘Let me help you get rid of that speck in your eye,’ when you can’t see past the log in your own eye? <sup>5</sup> Hypocrite! First get rid of the log in your own eye; then you will see well enough to deal with the speck in your friend’s eye.” Matthew 7:3-5*

**ii. Why Do I Feel I \_\_\_\_\_ This Person/Sin?**

*“<sup>7</sup> But the LORD said to Samuel, “Don’t judge by his appearance or height, for I have rejected him. The LORD doesn’t see things the way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.” 1 Samuel 16:7*

**3. IF I’VE BEEN HURT, \_\_\_\_\_**

*“<sup>13</sup> Make allowance for each other’s faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.” Colossians 3:13*

*“<sup>14</sup> “If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. <sup>15</sup> But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins.” Matthew 6:14-15*

*“<sup>21</sup> Then Peter came to him and asked, “Lord, how often should I forgive someone who sins against me? Seven times?” <sup>22</sup> “No, not seven times,” Jesus replied, “but seventy times seven!”<sup>23</sup> “Therefore, the Kingdom of Heaven*

can be compared to a king who decided to bring his accounts up to date with servants who had borrowed money from him. <sup>24</sup> In the process, one of his debtors was brought in who owed him millions of dollars. <sup>25</sup> He couldn't pay, so his master ordered that he be sold—along with his wife, his children, and everything he owned—to pay the debt. <sup>26</sup> “But the man fell down before his master and begged him, ‘Please, be patient with me, and I will pay it all.’” <sup>27</sup> Then his master was filled with pity for him, and he released him and forgave his debt. <sup>28</sup> “But when the man left the king, he went to a fellow servant who owed him a few thousand dollars. He grabbed him by the throat and demanded instant payment. <sup>29</sup> “His fellow servant fell down before him and begged for a little more time. ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay it,’ he pleaded. <sup>30</sup> But his creditor wouldn't wait. He had the man arrested and put in prison until the debt could be paid in full. <sup>31</sup> “When some of the other servants saw this, they were very upset. They went to the king and told him everything that had happened. <sup>32</sup> Then the king called in the man he had forgiven and said, ‘You evil servant! I forgave you that tremendous debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup> Shouldn't you have mercy on your fellow servant, just as I had mercy on you?’” <sup>34</sup> Then the angry king sent the man to prison to be tortured until he had paid his entire debt. <sup>35</sup> “That's what my heavenly Father will do to you if you refuse to forgive your brothers and sisters from your heart.” Matthew 18:21-35

**4. GO TO THE PERSON \_\_\_\_\_**

<sup>15</sup> If another believer sins against you (some manuscripts do not include ‘against you’), go privately and point out the offense. If the other person listens and confesses it, you have won that person back.” Matthew 18:15

**Approach Them:**

i. \_\_\_\_\_

ii. \_\_\_\_\_

iii. \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>1</sup> Dear brothers and sisters, if another believer is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path. And be careful not to fall into the same temptation yourself. <sup>2</sup> Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ. <sup>3</sup> If you think you are too important to help someone, you are only fooling yourself. You are not that important.” Galatians 6:1-3

<sup>15</sup> Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church. <sup>16</sup> He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.” Ephesians 4:15-16

**How?**

i. **Start With An Acknowledgement Of** \_\_\_\_\_

ii. **Get Into The Topic With** \_\_\_\_\_ **Rather Than** \_\_\_\_\_

iii. **Use Scripture To** \_\_\_\_\_

iv. \_\_\_\_\_ **The Other Person, Keeping In Mind You** \_\_\_\_\_

**5. IF THEY REPENT, PROVIDE ONGOING \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_**

<sup>9</sup> Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. <sup>10</sup> If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble. <sup>11</sup> Likewise, two people lying close together can keep each other warm. But how can one be warm alone? <sup>12</sup> A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken.” Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

*“<sup>11</sup> So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing.” 1 Thessalonians 5:11*

**6. IF THERE IS NO REPENTANCE, \_\_\_\_\_ AND \_\_\_\_\_**

*“<sup>16</sup> But if you are unsuccessful, take one or two others with you and go back again, so that everything you say may be confirmed by two or three witnesses.” Matthew 18:16*

**7. IF THERE IS STILL NO REPENTANCE, GO TO THE \_\_\_\_\_**

*“<sup>17</sup> If the person still refuses to listen, take your case to the church.” Matthew 18:17*

**8. IF THEY STILL DON'T REPENT, KEEP \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_**

*“<sup>17</sup> Then if he or she won't accept the church's decision, treat that person as a pagan or a corrupt tax collector.” Matthew 18:17*

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