

"Tell me nothing but the truth in the name of the LORD?"-1King 22:16

Some Things You Should Know



You should know that members of the church are called:

- ✓ **Members of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:27; 6:15; Romans 12:4-5).**
- ✓ **Disciples of Christ (Acts 6:1, 7; 11:26).**
- ✓ **Believers (Acts 5:14; 2 Corinthians 6:15).**
- ✓ **Saints (Acts 9:13; Romans 1:7; Philippians 1:1).**
- ✓ **Priests (1 Peter 2:5, 9; Revelation 1:6).**
- ✓ **Children of God and of his races and one in**

Thinking About Committing Sin?



Let's be honest. We all confront times of weakness, when we think about committing sin.

So it's good to study God's word and be prepared for the times of weakness, when we think about committing sinning.

What's the Lust?

When we contemplate committing sin, we should realize that lust is involved.

Lust is a strong desire to do something sinful, and always precedes premeditated sin.

- "But each one is **tempted** when he is carried away and **enticed by his own lust**. Then **when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin**; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death" ([Jas. 1:14-15](#)).

For example, I remember as a preschool boy my mother instructed me *not* to take a piece of candy. After she left the room, I considered the pros and cons of disobeying, and took a piece of candy.

Of course, the sinful desire was to steal candy and satisfy my fleshly desire.

Whenever we contemplate sinning, we should drill down into our psyche to understand the sinful desire, which may help us get a grip on ourselves and overcome sin by understanding the allurements.

Contemplate the Eternal Consequence

When we contemplate committing sin, we should contemplate the eternal consequence.

- "For if we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a **terrifying expectation of judgment and the fury of a fire** which will consume the adversaries" ([Heb. 10:26-27](#)).
- "It is a **terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God**" ([Heb. 10:31](#)).

How would you feel if you decided to sin, and died before you could repent and correct your life with God?

How would you feel in hell, thinking about the day you decided to sin and enjoy the passing pleasures of sin?

Surely all of us would mourn and weep for eternity, knowing we gave up heaven to satisfy lust.

When you contemplate committing a sin, ask yourself, "Is a little sinful pleasure worth eternity in hell?"

Contemplate Jesus on the Cross

When we contemplate committing sin, we should think

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about Jesus on the cross, and the price He paid for our salvation.

- "For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps . . . and **He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness**; for by His wounds you were healed" ([1 Pet. 2:21, 24](#)).

As Christians, we understand the incredible price Jesus paid to save us from sin.

As a result, we're moved to turn away from sin because we love Jesus.

- "We love, because He first loved us" ([1 Jn. 4:19](#)).
- "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments" ([Jn. 14:15](#)).
- "For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome" ([1 Jn. 5:3](#)).

When we contemplate committing sin, we can change our thoughts to the cross, which will provoke a change in heart if we truly love Jesus, the One who suffered and died to save us.

Contemplate How Much Your Sin Will Hurt God

When we contemplate committing sin, we should think about how much our sin will hurt God.

- "Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption" ([Eph. 4:30](#)).
- "For in the case of those who have once been enlightened and have tasted of the heavenly gift and have been made partakers of the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, and then have fallen away, it is impossible to renew them again to repentance, since **they again crucify to themselves the Son of God and put Him to open shame**" ([Heb. 6:4-6](#)).

As people who love God, we'll do anything to avoid hurting Him. So knowing that we'll hurt God if we sin, we'll do anything to avoid sinning.

Contemplate Your Ability To Overcome Sin

When we contemplate committing sin, we should think about the fact that we can overcome it.

- "No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and **God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape** also, so that you **will be able to endure it**" ([1 Cor. 10:13](#)).

By the grace of God, we are stronger than Satan and the allurements of sin.

It's *not a matter of whether* we can overcome sin, but a *matter of whether we'll decide* to overcome sin.

- As God's children, we are "**strengthened with all power**, according to His glorious might, for the **attaining of all steadfastness and patience**" ([Col. 1:11](#)).

God gives us the strength to overcome sin, every time. It's all about our decision to turn away from sin, not about our strength.

Whenever we contemplate committing a sin, we should also contemplate the fact that we're strong enough to overcome it, and glorify God by our actions rather than shame Him.

Conclusion

When you think about committing a sin:

- Drill down into your psyche to understand your sinful desire, which may help you get a grip on yourself and overcome sin by understanding the allure.
- Think about Jesus on the cross, and the price He paid for your salvation.
- Think about how much your sin will hurt God.
- Think about the fact that you can overcome sin by the power of God, and glorify Him, if you only make the right decision.

Then ask yourself: "Is a little sinful pleasure worth eternity in hell?" -Allan McNabb