

How to Overcome Sin. *How Sin Comes.*

James 1:13 Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: 14 But every man is tempted, *when he is drawn away* of his own lust (desire), and enticed (tempted). 15 Then when lust hath *conceived*, it bringeth forth *sin*: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth *death*. 16 *Do not err*, my beloved brethren.

Note: Thoughts make acts, acts make habits, habits make character. Pro. 20:11 Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure, and whether it be right.

Gen. 3:6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be *desired* to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

Thinking it Through.

Pro. 7:1 My son, keep my words, and lay up my commandments with thee. 2 Keep my commandments, and live; and my law as the apple of thine eye. 3 Bind them upon thy fingers, write them upon the table of thine heart. 4 Say unto wisdom, Thou art my sister; and call understanding thy kinswoman: 5 That they may keep thee from the strange woman, from the stranger which flattereth with her words. 6 For at the window of my house I looked through my casement, 7 And beheld among the simple ones, I discerned among the youths, a young man void of understanding, 8 Passing through the street near her corner; and he went the way to her house, 9 In the twilight, in the evening, in the black and dark night: 10 And, behold, there met him a woman with the attire of an harlot, and subtil of heart. 11 (She is loud and stubborn; her feet abide not in her house: 12 Now is she without, now in the streets, and lieth in wait at every corner.) 13 So she caught him, and kissed him, and with an impudent face said unto him, 14 I have peace offerings with me; this day have I payed my vows. 15 Therefore came I forth to meet thee, diligently to seek thy face, and I have found thee. 16 I have decked my bed with coverings of tapestry, with carved works, with fine linen of Egypt. 17 I have perfumed my bed with myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon. 18 Come, let us take our fill of love until the morning: let us solace ourselves with loves. 19 For the goodman is not at home, he is gone a long journey: 20 He hath taken a bag of money with him, and will come home at the day appointed. 21 With her much fair speech she caused him to yield, with the flattering of her lips she forced him. 22 He goeth after her straightway, as an ox goeth to the slaughter, or as a fool to the correction of the

stocks; 23 Till a dart strike through his liver; as a bird hasteth to the snare, and knoweth not that it is for his life. 24 Harken unto me now therefore, O ye children, and attend to the words of my mouth. 25 Let not thine heart decline to her ways, go not astray in her paths. 26 For she hath cast down many wounded: yea, many strong men have been slain by her. 27 Her house is the way to hell, going down to the chambers of death.

Note the contemplative process we should behold: I want her, What will it do to my—family, wife, and his family; I'll have to lie, its not worth it, I can't do it.

Ps. 4:4 Stand in awe, and sin not: ***commune with your own heart upon your bed***, and be still. Selah. Joshua 1:8; Ps. 1:2; 63:6; 77:12; 119:15, 23, 48, 78, 148; 143:5

Ps. 73:2 But as for me, my feet were almost gone; my steps had well nigh slipped. 3 For ***I was envious at the foolish, when I saw*** the prosperity of the wicked. 4 For there are no bands in their death: but their strength is firm. 5 They are not in trouble as other men; neither are they plagued like other men. 6 Therefore pride compasseth them about as a chain; violence covereth them as a garment. 7 Their eyes stand out with fatness: they have more than heart could wish. 8 They are corrupt, and speak wickedly concerning oppression: they speak loftily. 9 They set their mouth against the heavens, and their tongue walketh through the earth. 10 Therefore his people return hither: and waters of a full cup are wrung out to them. 11 And they say, How doth God know? and is there knowledge in the most High? 12 Behold, these are the ungodly, who prosper in the world; they increase in riches. 13 ***Verily I have cleansed my heart in vain, and washed my hands in innocency.*** 14 For all the day long have I been plagued, and chastened every morning. 15 If I say, I will speak thus; behold, ***I should offend against the generation of thy children.*** 16 ***When I thought to know this, it was too painful for me; 17 Until I went into the sanctuary of God; then understood I their end.*** 18 Surely thou didst set them in slippery places: thou castedst them down into destruction. 19 How are they brought into desolation, as in a moment! they are utterly consumed with terrors. 20 As a dream when one awaketh; so, O Lord, when thou awakest, thou shalt despise their image. 21 Thus my heart was grieved, and I was pricked in my reins. 22 So foolish was I, and ignorant: I was as a beast before thee. 23 Nevertheless ***I am continually with thee***: thou hast holden me by my right hand. 24 Thou shalt guide me with thy ***counsel***, and afterward receive me to glory. 25 Whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee. 26 My flesh and my heart faileth: but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever. 27 For, lo, they that are far from thee shall perish: thou hast destroyed all them that go a whoring from thee. 28 But ***it is good for me to draw near to God: I have put my trust in the Lord God***, that I may declare all thy works.

Note: At what point do we forget the work of God on our conscience, in the process of overcoming sin. When in our contemplations, we submit to the influence of God on our heart and change our thinking-views of sin THAT is the Victory.

John 16:8 And when he (Holy Spirit) is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

14:17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

1Tim. 4:Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; 2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; ***having their conscience seared with a hot iron;***

Pro. 23:7 For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he:

Matt. 12:34 O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. 35 A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things.

1Cor. 11:31 For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged.

Changed Thought Pattern.

Rom. 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And be not conformed to this world: but ***be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind,*** that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Isa. 55:7 Let the wicked forsake his way, and ***the unrighteous man his thoughts;*** and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. 8 ***For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord.***

Phil. 4:8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things

are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, ***think on these things.***

Eph. 4:22 That ***ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man,*** which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; 23 And ***be renewed in the spirit of your mind;*** 24 And that ye put on the new man, ***which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.*** 25 Wherefore ***putting away lying,*** speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another. 26 Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: 27 Neither give place to the devil. 28 Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth. 29 ***Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth,*** but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. 30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. 31 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be ***put away from you,*** with all malice: 32 And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

Ps. 119:165 ***Great peace have they which love thy law:*** and nothing shall offend them. 166 Lord, ***I have*** hoped for thy salvation, and ***done thy commandments.*** 167 ***My soul hath kept thy testimonies;*** and I love them exceedingly. 168 ***I have kept thy precepts and thy testimonies: for all my ways are before thee.***

Matt. 22:37 Jesus said unto him, ***Thou shalt love the Lord thy God*** with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and ***with all thy mind.***

Phi. 2:3 Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in ***lowliness of mind let*** each esteem other better than themselves. 4 Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. 5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: 7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: 8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

Heb. 8:10 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; ***I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts:*** and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:

Eph. 5:17 Wherefore be ye not unwise, but ***understanding what the will of the Lord is.*** 18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; 19 ***Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,***

singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; 20 Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;

Pro. 3:5 Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and *lean not unto thine own understanding.* 6 *In all thy ways acknowledge him,* and he shall direct thy paths. 7 *Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the Lord, and depart from evil.*

2Cor. 6: Having therefore these promises, dearly *beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all* filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

The New Creature.

2Cor. 5:17 Therefore if any man *be in Christ,* he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

Isa. 26:3 *Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee:* because he trusteth in thee.

How will it be known?

1John 2:4 He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. 5 But whoso *keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected:* hereby know we that we are in him. 6 He that saith he abideth in him *ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.*

James 1:21 Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and *receive with meekness the engrafted word,* which is able to save your souls. 22 *But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only,* deceiving your own selves. 23 For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass (perfect law of liberty): 24 For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. 25 But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and *continueth* therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed. 26 If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain.

Heb. 4:12 For *the word of God is quick, and powerful,* and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, *and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*