

SIN OF MOTIVATION

Sin originates in the heart and is the result of wrong thinking. Thus, overt actions are always the by-product of wrong thinking. Sins of motivation are condemned more severely in the Word of God than the overt act, for it is possible for someone to act properly but have the wrong motivation. (Illustrated by the words of our Lord Jesus Christ in Matthew 23:27,28.)

MATTHEW 23:27,28-- "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites: for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness.
"Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity."

MARK 7:15 -- "There is nothing from without a man, that entering into him can defile him: but the things which come out of him, those are they that defile the man."

MARK 7:20-23 -- "And he said, That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man.
"For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders,
"Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness:
"All these evil things come from within, and defile the man."

There are two mental attitude sins, (pride being that from which all sin stems), four sins of the tongue, and one overt act of sin.

PROVERBS 6:16-19 -- "These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him:
"A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,
"An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief,
"A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among the brethren."

JEREMIAH 17:9,10 -- "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?
"I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings."

PROVERBS 4:23 -- "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life."

PROVERBS 21:2 -- "Every way of a man is right in his own eyes: but the LORD pondereth the hearts."

When I get up in the morning, I must in my mind turn to the Lord and acknowledge my inability to do anything correctly, and my proneness to move in a direction which is in opposition to the Lord and ignores Him. If my objective is to serve the Lord, I will in prayer have an attitude which will immediately move towards the Lord. Then I will say to the Lord, I am a miserable flop, a failure, and I can't do anything right. Thus I'm willing to acknowledge this. So I'm praying that you will show me what I am. And also show me what you are. So that I may depend on what you have provided for me. So I'm going to cling to the promises of God. And use them so I can escape from my sinful nature. If I don't have an attitude like this, moment by moment, daily, I will fail. So when I confess my sins, I'm saying God, the things I do which is obvious, was designed to show me that I was already out of fellowship, because I took the bull by the horns and decided to run my life, my own way because I am intrinsically (inherently) INDEPENDENT. Because of my independence and not my dependence upon the Lord, I will always fail. The problem is not what I did, but my attitude before the problem accured, I must get to the root of my problems. Thus the Lord allows me to fail to show me what my relationship is towards Him.

All God wants from me is a broken and contrite heart Psalm 51:17. He wants me to submit myself to Him. To humble myself at his feet. To totally depend upon Him solely. He wants me to walk throughout the day conscience of His presence. So when I get up in the morning and go through the day, that's all I'm thinking about, so that everything is relative to this initially relationship towards me. Anything less that this doesn't count, and doesn't matter. This is what fellowship is all about. I must have this type of attitude so the spirit of God can point out things in my life, so I can quickly agree to them. Then there is no problems. I don't have any plans, any programs, or purposes. I'm not going anywhere, so let it go. I should have only one objective, and that is to please the Lord. This is why I'm quick to point out someone else's sins. I have enough of my own to worry about.

When I got saved, I had to admit to myself that I was worthless. Do I really believe this now? Do I enjoy the Spirit of God to perpetually use this principle to point out to me daily, that I am worthless, that I am a perpetual sinner? Do I have an Attitude that says, that's just what I need? Then I can be honest with the Lord and confess my sin, but this should be predicated upon a humble spirit, an broken spirit. I must recognize that I am nothing, that I am worthless. Then I must totally depend on the GRACE OF GOD to lead me in the way the Lord would want me to go.

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Fact of Sin

Psalms 51:5

Behold, I was shapen in iniquity:
and in sin did my mother conceive me.

Psalms 58:3

The wicked are estranged from the
womb; they go astray as soon as they
be born, speaking lies.

Ecclesiastes 7:20

For there is not a just man upon
earth, that doeth good, and sinneth
not.

Jeremiah 17:9

The heart is deceitful above all
things and desperately wicked, who
can know it?

Romans 3:10

As it is written, there is none
righteous, no, not one.

Romans 3:23

For all have sinned and come short
of the Glory of God.

Penalty Paid by Christ

Isaiah 53:5,6

But He was wounded for our trans-
gressions, he was brused for our
iniquities; the chastisement of our
peace was upon him; and with his
stripes we are healed.
All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned every one to his own
way; and the Lord hath laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

John 1:29

The next day John seeth Jesus coming
unto him and saith, Behold the Lamb of
God, which taketh away the sin of the
world.

II Cor. 5:21

For he hath made him to be sin for us,
who knew no sin; that we might be made
the righteousness of God in him.

I Peter 3:18

For Christ also hath once suffered for
sins, the just for the unjust, that he
might bring us to God, being put to
death in the flesh, but quickened by
the Spirit.

Penalty of Sin

Genesis 2:17

But of the tree of the knowldege of
good and evil, thou shalt not eat of
it; for in the day that thou eatest
thereof thou shalt shurely die.

Romans 5:12

Wherefore, as by one man sin entered
unto the world, and death by sin, and
so death passed upon all men, for
that all have sinned.

Galatians 3:10

For as many as are of the works of
the law are under the curse; for it is
written, cursed is every one that
continueth not in all things which are
written in the book of the law to
do them.

Hebrews 9:27

And it is appointed unto men once to
die, but after this the judgement.

Saved by Grace Through Faith

Romans 4:4,5

Now to him that worketh is the reward
not reckoned of grace, but of debt.
But to him what worketh not, but
believeth on him that justifieth the
ungodly, his faith is counted for
righteousness.

Galatians 2:16

Knowing that a man is not justified by
the works of the law, but by the faith
of Jesus Christ, that we might be
justified by the faith of Christ, and
not the works of the law, for by the
works of the law shall no flesh be
justified.

Romans 3:28

Therefore we conclude that a man is
justified by faith without the deeds
of the law.

Ephesians 2:8,9

For by grace are ye saved through faith
and that not of yourselves, it is a
gift of God;
Not of works lest any man should boas