# Turning From Sin Part 3

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## INTRODUCTION

- This is the spiritual LSD lust, sin, death. That's the pattern that we see in those two verses.
- Sin equals desire plus opportunity plus action.
- Most of the problem of sin is not a lack of knowledge among us. It would be a lack of self-control.

## 1 The Root of the Problem Is Desire

**James 1:14**

- The root of the problem actually isn't a lack of self-control. That is part of the problem.
- The root of the problem is the desire for what is evil.
- So it would make it a lot easier on us if we could simply eliminate desire.

## 2 Get Thee Hence: Learning to Hate Sin

**Matthew 4:10; Isaiah 30:22; Ephesians 5:11**

- We're going to talk about learning to hate sin. If you hate sin, you definitely don't desire it.
- Get thee hence, Satan. I'm not mildly interested in what you have to offer. I don't want you anywhere near me.
- We need to repudiate the practice of sin.
- The reaction to sin should be strong.

## 3 From Don't Do to Don't Desire to Detest

**Deuteronomy 7:25–26; Romans 12:9**

- You shall utterly detest it, and you shall utterly abhor it, for it is something banned.
- What we must learn to do is to move from don't do, or in this case, don't take, to don't desire, or in this case, do not covet to detest.
- Notice I'm not saying to hate sinners. I'm saying to hate sin.
- Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil, cling to what is good.

## 4 Take the Consequences of Sin Seriously

**James 1:15**

- Number one, take the consequences of sin seriously.
- But we have to think about the future and where this path is headed.
- So what we need to do is realize that spiritual death is real.

## 5 Learn to Crave God's Ways

- A second way to learn to hate sin and not desire it's to learn to crave God's ways.

- When we see that, we are seeing people who are reflecting the light of Jesus Christ.
- The more you crave what is good and pure and holy, the less you desire what is evil and what is sinful and what is bad.

## 6 Pray for Help

**Galatians 5:24**

- My third suggestion on learning how to hate sin is simply pray for help.
- In the model prayer, Jesus taught to pray, lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
- It's hard, brethren, but it can be done. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.
- Sometimes, we just don't hate sin because we really haven't tried.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Are you committed to that life? A life of learning to progress from don't do to don't desire to detest and abhor what is evil.**

MY NOTES