

“Respectable” Sins – Week 3

Pop Quiz:

- 1) True or False: Sinful Pride can be characterized as moral superiority. T F
- 2) True or False: Jesus is THE way, THE truth, and THE life. T F
- 3) True or False: Pride and ungodliness break Jesus’ summary of God’s Law. T F
- 4) True or False: In God’s eyes, there are acceptable, excusable, “Respectable” sins. T F

Anxiety/Worry

How do you define anxiety or worry? What type of circumstances tempt you to become anxious or worry? Do you think anxiety and worry are natural for everyone so it must be ok? Read Matt 6:25 and the first part of Phil 4:6; what instruction do you read from God’s Word?

How would you feel if someone you loved said to you, “I don’t trust you, and I don’t believe you love me and will care for me? How would such a statement cause you to react?

Read Luke 10:38-42. What was Mary’s response to being in Jesus presence? What was Martha’s response? When you encounter stresses in your day to day life, whose response do you more closely relate to Mary’s or Martha’s?

Read 1 Peter 5:7; what are we instructed to do with our anxiety and worry?

Read Matt 26:38-39 & Phil 4:6-7; what do these verses reveal about what we should do to be delivered from whatever it is that tempts us to be anxious or worry?

Frustration

How would you define frustration? What circumstances tempt you to become frustrated? How does that frustration manifest itself? Do you think frustration is just a part of life, just part of your temperament so it must be ok?

What do Psalm 20:7, Psalm 127:1, and John 15:5 reveal about the likely source of the frustrations we deal with every day?

What word do you find in Psalm 119:165, Isaiah 26:3, and Philippians 4:7 identified as the remedy for frustration in your life? How can you obtain and enjoy that remedy? (also see Psalm 139:16 for bonus points)

Discontentment

What is “discontentment”? What are some things you see people discontent about? Can discontentment spur you into positive actions? If so where and how? When/how is discontentment sinful?

Read Ecclesiastes 5:10-12, Ezekiel 33:31, and Luke 12:15; what do these verses indicate about our ability to find contentment in what we can attain in this world? Do you ever find yourself discontent because of what you don’t have?

Read Ecclesiastes 1:16-17 and Matthew 6:25-34; what do these verses indicate about our ability to find contentment in who we are or who we want to be? Do you ever find yourself discontent because of who you are or who you aren’t?

Read Philippians 4:11-13, Hebrews 13:5, and 1 Tim 6:6-9; what is described in each of these verses as the key to contentment and the remedy for sinful discontentment? What can each of us do to obtain the freedom from discontentment?