

Improper Attitudes about Sin
Pro 4:23
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Thesis: I want to show what we can learn about improper attitudes towards sin.

Intro:

1. People have a lot of different attitudes towards sin.
2. What are some improper attitudes towards sin?

I. Deny It

A. Some who Deny the Reality of sin

1. Some say the idea of sin is just a way to keep people from having a good time.
2. The “Christian Scientist” religion denies sin, in “Science & Health” they say “*the notion that both evil and good are real is a delusion of material sense, which Science annihilates. Evil is nothing, no thing, mind or power*” (pg 330).

B. The Bible says sin is Real

1. The Bible has **21** lists of sin
2. The Bible reveals with clarity what sin is in **1 Jn 3:4**
3. Sin is a universal problem (**1 Kings 8:46, Isa 53:6**)

C. History says sin is real

1. The flood says sin is real (**Gen 6:11-13**)
2. The destruction of Sodom & Gomorrah (Gen 19), Babylon (Isa 13), & Jerusalem (Mt 24)

II. Love It

A. Scripture showing the love some have for sin.

1. **2 Peter 2:15**
2. **1 Jn 2: 15-17**

B. People have pleasure in what they love.

1. People have pleasure in what they love.
2. Just as some have pleasure in sports, hunting, shopping, or crafting some find pleasure in sin. (**Pro 21:17**).

III. Dismiss It

A. Felix & others did such

1. **Acts 24:25**
2. **Acts 17:32**
3. They would not honestly face their sins and come to grips with them. Rather, they sought to dismiss them from their mind, pretending to think on them “sometime”.

B. This is a dangerous attitude

1. The longer one refuses to come to grips with their sins, the longer and more effectively can sin operate to cement his thoughts and habits, ultimately making it impossible to develop the proper attitude toward sin and to turn from it.

VI. Why These Attitudes Exist

A. Because of the teaching of Evolution

1. Those who do not believe God exists do not believe sin exists.
2. As a result of such a belief, right and wrong do not really exist.

B. Because of Pride & Hardness of Heart.

1. Many today because of their pride & arrogance will never conquer sin.
2. A hardness of heart caused by pride and other attitudes enable more sin and separates man from God.

Conc:

1. It is vital that man understands what it means to have a proper attitude towards sin.
2. What is your attitude toward sin?

Hear

Romans 10:17

So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Believe

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever + in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Repent

Luke 13:3

I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish.

Confess

Rom 10:9 — Rom 10:10

that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Be baptized

Acts 2:38

Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 22:16

And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.'

Remain Faithful

Revelation 2:10

Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.

