

O B E D I E N C E

1 JOHN 2:1-6 (ESV)

1 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. 2 He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. 3 And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments. 4 Whoever says “I know him” but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, 5 but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him: 6 whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.

TO WALK IN OBEDIENCE MEANS WE ARE GIVING
GOD OUR FULL DEVOTION, TRUSTING THAT HIS
INSTRUCTIONS ARE FOR OUR GOOD.

Therefore, we should strive to follow those instructions that are shown in the Bible and shared with us through the Holy Spirit.

SIN IS

when we think, say, or do something that is not in accordance with the instructions in the Bible and lifestyle God has called us to

SIN = DISOBEDIENCE TO GOD

GENESIS 2:16-17 (ESV)

16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, 17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

GENESIS 3:6 (ESV)

So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.

— WE ARE NEVER GOING TO —
EXPERIENCE PERFECTION
BUT WE CAN CONSTANTLY WALK IN THE
DIRECTION TO PERFECTION

JOHN 3:36 (ESV)

Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.

GOD IS PROTECTING US WHEN
HE ASKS US NOT TO SIN.

He is teaching us how to conduct ourselves and
equipping us for the work of loving people and sharing the gospel.

CHRIST'S DEATH AND RESURRECTION WERE FULFILLED
SO WE COULD HAVE FORGIVENESS OF OUR SINS
AND INTIMATE RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM

ROMANS 10:9–10 (ESV)

9 because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

1 CORINTHIANS 10:13 (ESV)

No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

SIN ONLY PROVIDES MOMENTARY FULFILLMENT.
WE SHOULD HOLD ONTO GOD, NOT OUR SIN.

In what way am I not obeying God? What is it that I haven't fully surrendered to Him? Why am I sinning in this way?

MK 7:21-23 · RO 1:29-31 · 1 COR 6:9-11
GAL 5:19-21 · COL 3:5-92 · 2 TIM 3:1-5

- evil thoughts
- evil desires/lust
- sexual immorality
- adultery
- lewdness
- orgies
- prostitution
- homosexuality
- theft
- murder
- greed
- idolatry
- malice
- deceit
- envy
- slander
- arrogance/insolence
- folly
- drunkenness
- swindling
- impurity
- debauchery/depravity
- witchcraft
- hatred/hating God
- discord/dissensions
- strife/factions
- jealousy
- anger/rage
- selfish ambition or pride
- gossip
- filthy language
- lying
- boasting
- disobedience
- senselessness
- faithlessness
- heartlessness
- ruthlessness
- being judgmental

How do I identify, prevent, or overcome sin?

KNOW WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS

PSALM 119:9–11 (ESV)

9 How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word. 10 With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments! 11 I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.

How do I identify, prevent, or overcome sin?

COMMUNICATE, ON A REGULAR
BASIS, WITH GOD AND ALLOW
THE HOLY SPIRIT TO HELP YOU

1 PETER 3:12 (ESV)

12 For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”

How do I identify, prevent, or overcome sin?

EVALUATE YOUR INTERNAL & EXTERNAL BEHAVIORS

PSALM 139:23-24 (ESV)

23 Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! 24 And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!

How do I identify, prevent, or overcome sin?

SEEK THE COUNCIL OF
TRUSTED CONFIDANTS

JAMES 5:16 (ESV)

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

How do I identify, prevent, or overcome sin?

PRIORITIZE SELF-CONTROL

TITUS 2:11-14 (ESV)

11 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, 12 training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, 13 waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, 14 who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

SIN BECOMES LESS PREVALENT
IN OUR LIVES AS WE PRACTICE
OBEDIENCE, SELF-CONTROL, & DISCIPLINE

which creates maturity in our thoughts, words, & actions

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17 (ESV)

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

STAYING AWAY FROM SIN REQUIRES EFFORT ON YOUR PART. IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD.

— IN CHRIST —

WE HAVE VICTORY OVER SIN

TO WALK IN OBEDIENCE MEANS WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT

GOD IS EVERYTHING WE NEED

UNSHAKABLE

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