

Sin's Lying Ways

"Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin."

~Hebrews 3:12-13

Sin is a liar, when we live in it, we clothe ourselves in corruption. When we clothe ourselves in corruption, our lives decay. Consider these lies that sin *tells* us and the corresponding truth that frees us.

Sin says: *"you'll feel better if you do it"*

Reality says: *"a life according to feelings is short or miserable"* (Psalm 73; Philippians 3:19)

Sin says: *"what others don't know won't hurt 'em"*

Reality says: *"you know and others can be hurt by what they don't know"* (Ephesians 4:18)

Sin says: *"once will be enough"*

Reality says: *"you might get hooked off of trying that thing once"* (Romans 13:14; Heb. 12:1)

Sin says: *"there's no other options"*

Reality says: *"there are always other options"* (1 Corinthians 10:13)

Sin says: *"you're all alone"*

Reality says: *"God and God's people are there"* (John 13:34; Hebrews 13:5; 1 John 4:7)

Sin says: *"you'll never stop failing"*

Reality says: *"God changes people who come to Him"* (1 Corinthians 6:9-11)

Sin says: *"you're too ugly, too fat, too skinny; too dark, too light or whatever, and that's inexcusable"*

Reality says: *"a beautiful heart is worth far more than a beautiful face"* (1 Samuel 16:7; 1 Peter 3:3-4)

Sin says: *"a real man is independent"*

Reality says: *"a Godly man knows his limits"* (1 Thessalonians 5:11)

Sin says: *"God has forgotten you"*

Reality says: *"God will never forget you"* (1 Samuel 12:21-22; Isaiah 49:14-16; Hebrews 13:5)

The ways of sin:

lies / gossip/ greed / sexual immorality / lust / selfishness / impatience / theft / wastefulness / any impurity / sensuality (over-concerned with body appearance or indulgence) / arguments / jealousy / fits of anger / *un-forgiveness* / drunkenness / envy