

A Radical Approach To Sin

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You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.'

²⁸ *But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹ If your right eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰ And if your right hand causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell.*

Matthew 5:27-30 (NIV)

Why should I be so radical with my sin?

1. Because **my sin radically affects me.**

It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell.

Matthew 5:29b (NIV)

The temptation to give in to evil comes from us and only us. We have no one to blame but the leering, seducing flare-up of our own lust. Lust gets pregnant, and has a baby: sin! Sin grows up to adulthood, and becomes a real killer.

James 1:14-15 (MSG)

2. Because **my sin will radically affect others.**

The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, ⁷ maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation.

Exodus 34:6-7 (NIV)

3. Because **God is radical with my sin.**

Christ carried the burden of our sins. He was nailed to the cross, so that we would stop sinning and start living right. By his cuts and bruises you are healed.

1 Peter 2:24 (CEV)

He changed places with us and put himself under that curse.

Galatians 3:13 (ERV)

I deal with my sin radically...

1. When I **do my part to address my sin.**

Let us therefore fling away the things that men do in the dark, let us arm ourselves for the fight of the day! Let us live cleanly, as in the daylight, not in the "delights" of getting drunk or playing with sex, nor yet in quarrelling or jealousies. Let us be Christ's men from head to foot, and give no chances to the flesh to have its fling.

Romans 13:11-14 (Phillips)

Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. ⁶ Because of these, the wrath of God is coming.

Colossians 3:5-6 (NIV)

...throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.

Hebrews 12:1 (NIV)

2. When I'm **tempted, I look for a way out.**

No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

1 Corinthians 10:13 (NIV)

3. When I **depend on God's grace to sustain me.**

For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. ¹² It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age...

Titus 3:11-12 (NIV)

I plead with you to give your bodies to God. Let them be a living sacrifice, holy—the kind he can accept. When you think of what he has done for you, is this too much to ask?

Romans 12:1 (TLB)

4. When I **incorporate the help of others.**

Instead, let the righteous discipline me; let the faithful correct me! Let my head never reject that kind of fine oil.

Psalms 141:5 (CEB)