

“Little Foxes” Of Sin

Catch for us...the little foxes that ruin the vineyards. *Song of Solomon 2:15*

Many Christians tolerate a lifestyle of compromise with “little sins.” We call them mistakes, weaknesses, character flaws, “just the way we are,” and dozens of other rationalizations. When we tolerate sins without true repentance, it is like the little foxes that spoil the planting of the Lord in our lives. When we confess the same sin over and over, it is an evidence of remorse (feeling sorry) without repentance. True repentance is the heart change of seeing the sin as God sees it, hating it as He hates it, and forsaking it because we love our holy Father. Honestly ask the Spirit of God to show you your sins. The sins listed below are categorized under major headings. These headings, in bold all-capital letters, represent strongholds which summarize each section of related sins. After you have repented of the sins, ask Jesus to bring the power of the cross into your life to redeem you from the stronghold that the sin habit has on your life. Jesus is the power for the liberty of a holy life. When the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

ANGER (*dishonoring God's love and forgiveness*)

- Bitterness
- Resentment
- Unforgiveness
- Revenge
- Hurts
- Keeping accounts
- Impatience

PRIDE (*dishonoring His grace*)

- Cold heart/cold love
- Critical spirit
- Judging
- Envy
- Jealousy
- Murmuring and complaining
- No servant spirit
- Offending others
- Being opinionated
- Stubbornness

SELF (*dishonoring His Lordship*)

- Selfishness, self-centeredness
- Self-pity
- Self-justification
- Defending my rights
- Striving with God
- Being a spiritually spoiled child
- Unkindness
- Unloving attitude or actions
- Insensitivity
- Impatience

NO FEAR OF GOD (*dishonoring His holiness*)

- Disobedience
- Compromise, tolerance of evil
- Idols in the heart: family, time, self, job, leisure, comfort, etc.
- Busyness
- Laziness, idleness, undisciplined life
- Loss of first-love for Jesus
- Little prayer
- Not knowing God through His word
- Not heeding discipline by God
- Not keeping God's day holy
- People-pleasing more than God
- No concern for the lost
- Misuse of the tongue
- Gossip
- Pet sins
- Procrastination

CONTROL (*dishonoring His sovereignty*)

- Expectations that are not God-given
- Demanding rights
- Independent spirit
- Manipulation
- Perfectionism

LUST (*dishonoring His righteousness*)

- Coveting a person sexually
- Sexual indulgence
- Love for things of this world
- Divided heart: eternal values vs. world's values
- Gluttony, addiction to anything: food, television, pleasure, reading, sports, alcohol, drugs

LYING (*dishonoring His truth*)

- Falseness, pretense
- Deception
- Untruth

UNBELIEF (*dishonoring His word*)

- Fear: "What if...?"
- Guilt
- Living by feelings
- No joy
- Depression
- Hopelessness
- Tension
- Anxiety
- Worry