

RESPECTABLE SINS
Confronting the Sins we Tolerate

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DISCLAIMER:

You may be tempted to quit this study at some point: _____.
This study is designed to open our eyes to the subtle sins which
are _____ us of God’s blessings.

DETERMINE:

- To _____ with the study until the end.
- To use the _____ of the book and the study guide.
- To use this study to grow as a _____.
- To remain _____ and personally _____.

LESSON 1 - FACING THE TRUTH (overview)

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“This book, as the title announces, is about sin -- not the obvious sins of our culture but the subtle sins of believers, the target audience of this book.” --Jerry Bridges

“The motivation for this book stems from a growing conviction that those of us whom I call conservative evangelicals may have become so preoccupied with some of the major sins of society around us that we have lost sight of the need to deal with our own more ‘refined’ or subtle sins.” --Jerry Bridges

FACING THE TRUTH OF OUR POSITION

In the first chapter of this study, we are reminded that all of us have the blessed position of being a _____. Even the worst of all Christians who struggles to walk within the ways of righteousness is a saint. In both of the Corinthian letters, Paul addressed the believers in that church known for its _____ as saints. All of us who have been saved by the blood of Jesus

Christ, who have the assurance of eternal life, claim the exact same _____, we are saints.

DEFINITION OF A SAINT

- The word saint comes from the Greek word _____.
- It is from the same word family as the word _____.
- A Saint is one _____ or separated unto God.

DELINEATION OF A SAINT

As we seek to describe a saint in more detail, we need to look at both sides of the coin. There is the _____ side of separation: we are separated _____ someone and something. And there is also the _____ side of separation: we are separated _____ somethings.

Positive Side of Separation

As a saint, I am called to be separated unto God. That means that when we were saved we were set apart by God for _____.

- 1 Peter 1:15-18 - We were called out to be _____ when we were redeemed by the blood of Christ.
- 1 Corinthians 6:15-20 - We are to _____ God because we have been bought with a price.
- Saints are set apart unto _____ and unto _____.

The Negative Side of Separation

Here is where most people, including many believers, will struggle with the thought of separation. Separation means that we must ...

- Separate ourselves from _____ and the _____.
- Holiness of life demands that we _____ **all** sins, even our respectable/tolerable sins.
- If we accept the _____ side of separation, then we will naturally accept the _____ side and we will do it with _____.

FACE THE TRUTH: YOU’RE A SAINT