

## RESPECTABLE SINS

*Confronting the Sins we Tolerate*

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For the past 8 weeks we have endeavored to study and apply the truth revealed in our study of Respectable Sins. Our study will soon be coming to a close and I trust that you have found it to be as valuable as I have. Tonight, we want to look at a few more sins that we tolerate, all related to our \_\_\_\_\_.

### LACK OF SELF CONTROL

- Self Control can be defined as “a \_\_\_\_\_ or prudent control of one’s \_\_\_\_\_, cravings, impulses, \_\_\_\_\_, and passions.”
- In a simplified form we can say it is “saying \_\_\_\_\_ when we should say \_\_\_\_\_.”
- A person who is exercising self control is one who understands the concepts of \_\_\_\_\_ and restraint.
- In areas of legitimate desires and activities there is to be moderation.
- In areas of sinful desires or activities there is \_\_\_\_\_ restraint.

### Common Examples of a lack of self control:

- **Eating and Drinking.** We often call this \_\_\_\_\_. Instead of control our love for food and eating to live, we allow it to control us and we live to eat.
- \_\_\_\_\_. We are known for having a short fuse, quick to fly off the handle.
- \_\_\_\_\_. As we considered last week, we have no control over what we say. We allow ourselves to gossip, slander, and lie.
- \_\_\_\_\_. We are incapable of controlling our spending. Seen in those who accumulate debts that they cannot pay back and it is seen in those who are affluent and spend their money on whatever their heart desires.

### So what’s the big deal?

- We need to protect our \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Cor. 9:27)

- We need to curb our \_\_\_\_\_ (Prov. 25:28)

### ENVY

- Envy can be defined as “the painful and oftentimes resentful awareness of an \_\_\_\_\_ enjoyed by someone else.”
- If we desire to have what they have this will lead to the further sin of \_\_\_\_\_.

### Two basic conditions that cause us to envy others:

- We envy those with whom we closely \_\_\_\_\_.
- We envy those who work in areas that we \_\_\_\_\_ the most.
- Bridges points out that “The reason we are tempted to envy in these situations is that there are enough things alike that the differences tend to strike us in the face.”

### JEALOUSY

- Jealousy is defined as “intolerance of \_\_\_\_\_.”
- Sinful jealousy takes place when we feel that someone else will become \_\_\_\_\_ to us or \_\_\_\_\_ us.
- The greatest example of jealousy in the Bible is found in the life of King Saul and David.

### COMPETITIVE SPIRIT

- By this we mean a spirit that will win at all \_\_\_\_\_ even at the \_\_\_\_\_ of another person.
- It is the urge to win and to be the top person in your field and your endeavors.
- This is the person who always wants to \_\_\_\_\_ the best.
- Instead of being the best, the Bible would teach us to \_\_\_\_\_ our best and to do all things for the glory of God.

### CONTROLLING SPIRIT

- This is understood as one person trying to control another person for their advantage so that they get what they want.
- We can control others by our \_\_\_\_\_.
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