

Bible examples:

- Judges 21:25 The Children of Israel
- 1 Kings 11:9-10 Solomon

This is where a person reveals his or her:

leaning/bent/inclination/affinity/propensity/penchant/fondness/
preference/corruption/rogue-nature.

Ask yourself: Where have I defied God or biblical truth to participate in my sin?

Summary: The development of a trapped believer

- I have a *resort*;
- I go there because of basic *root* ways of operating;
- I *rationalize* going there;
- I find a selfish *reward* for going there;
- I can be in *rebellion* against God.

Conclusion: What I need is for there to be a _____.

Romans 7: 23-25!

2 Corinthians 10:4 For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;

John 8:36 If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

How We Get *Trapped* in Sin



5 Characteristics of Habitual Sin

Every person enters adult life and marriage with some bad habits; some of these are serious sins.

And some sinful habits you can carry for years!

These can be strongholds in your life.

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This message is about 5 facts that are revealed by the presence of ongoing, life-dominating sin.

The 5 Characteristics to getting “In”:

I. There is the “ _____ ”

Resort (Def): a place of “frequent, habitual, or general visiting” (Merriam-Webster.com)

- a person or thing resorted to for aid, satisfaction, service, etc. (Dictionary.com)

Bible Examples of sinful “Resorts”:

- _____ Judges 16:1, 4
- _____ 1 Kings 11:1-3, 5-8
 - no doubt, women made Solomon feel good, and he made choices to pursue, marry them, etc.
- _____ Ezekiel 20:29 “Then I said unto them, What *is* the high place whereunto ye go?...”

Psalm 37:4 Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

Psalm 16:11 Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand *there are* pleasures for evermore.

Psalm 71:3 Be thou my strong habitation, whereunto I may continually resort: thou hast given commandment to save me; for thou *art* my rock and my fortress.

Proverbs 18:10 The name of the LORD *is* a strong tower: the righteous runneth (runs) into it, and is safe.

Ask yourself: To make me happy or feel better, what do I go to when disappointed/ discouraged/ lonely/hurt/overwhelmed /stressed / upset?

The danger: If I run to something long enough, I may begin to feel I “need” that thing to be ok.

II. There are the basic _____

- _____
- Self _____
- Pr _____

III. There is the _____

We all have reasons for what we do. But what do you “tell” yourself and others for unbiblical behavior?

Ask yourself: What justification do I use when I give into _____ (i.e. a sinful, self-indulgent behavior)?

The danger: This is why a person can be *enslaved* in a sin – they begin to try to legitimize the behavior.

Bible examples:

Adam - Genesis 3:11-13

- Blaming _____ else

The slothful person - Proverbs 22:13, Proverbs 20:4

- Blaming _____ else

Absalom - 2 Samuel 15:1-6

- Following his own wicked desires while citing _____.

IV. There is the _____ (the “payout”)

This is the benefit/the pay-out. This reward is getting something I wanted by giving into my lust. I have enjoyed it, even though it is in defiance of God’s Word and will.

- But you can have a _____ reward system
1 John 2:15-16
- And you can have a _____ reward system
Proverbs 9:17
- And you can have a _____ reward system
Judges 14:3

Ask yourself: What is the selfish “return” I get when I give into my sin? _____

The alternative:

- Psalm 19:10
- Genesis 15:1

V. There is the _____

- This touches on my “defection” from, and the forsaking of, biblical truth for *my* lust and personal welfare.