

THE SIN TRAP

Sin is a trap that will destroy our lives. Often it sneaks up on us, and before we know it, we have a sin problem. Oh, how subtle it can be! Pastor David Moore of "Moore on Life" tells the following story: Two guys are arguing about how tough they are. One guy says to the other guy, "You know, you are such a sissy. I'll bet you won't let me drip a pint of water on your hand, one drop at a time, from three feet high." And so the bet was on. There are 11,520 drops in one pint of water. After 300 drops, the guy's hand was stinging like fire but he continued toughing it out---for a bit---At 420 drops, the bet was over and he quit, he bailed out. His hand was red, swollen and tender. Men and women, we need to understand that sin is just like that. One drop at a time doesn't seem like much. However, its cumulative affect is always painful and destructive. Sin traps us by:

BRINGING PLEASURE FOR A SEASON: Yes, sin can bring pleasure, but it's short-lived! Then we have to pay the consequences! "He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the pleasure of sin for a short time." (Heb 11:25)

HARDENING OUR HEARTS BY DECEITFULNESS: Sin is deceitful. We think we're okay, and before we know it, we are sinning with little or no conviction. Our hearts have hardened! "But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness." (Heb 3:13)

DELAYING CONSEQUENCES: Some have the attitude 'This must be okay' since there haven't been any consequences. What they don't see is that the consequences for sin do eventually come! "Because the sentence against an evil deed is not executed quickly, therefore the hearts of the sons of men are given fully to do evil." (Ecc 8:11)

SEEMINGLY OMMITTING CONSEQUENCES: That's a deception, and it is to mock God. If we sow to sin we will reap the consequences. "Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. The one who sows to please the sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the spirit will reap eternal life." (Gal 6:7,8)

ULTIMATELY MAKING US ITS SLAVE: We are a servant (slave) as shown by whom we yield to---sin or righteousness. We cannot be a servant to both. "Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone to obey him as slaves, you are slaves to the one you obey---whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness?" (Ro 6:16)



Let this devotion liberate you by helping you to see that maybe you have fallen for the SIN TRAP and are hemmed in on every side. But it's never too late with God to repent and turn from sin. Be encouraged and become a servant to righteousness today!

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