



The Hidden Cost of Sin

Midweek Bible Study - April 24, 2002

Hebrews 12:1 (NLT) Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily hinders our progress. And let us run with endurance the race that God has set before us.

Galatians 6:7-9 (TEV) ⁷ Do not deceive yourselves; no one makes a fool of God. People will reap exactly what they sow. ⁸ If they sow in the field of their natural desires, from it they will gather the harvest of death; if they sow in the field of the Spirit, from the Spirit they will gather the harvest of eternal life. ⁹ So let us not become tired of doing good; for if we do not give up, the time will come when we will reap the harvest.

Luke 12:1b-2 (MES) ^{1b} Watch yourselves carefully so you don't get contaminated with Pharisee yeast, Pharisee phoniness. ² You can't keep your true self hidden forever; before long you'll be exposed. You can't hide behind a religious mask forever; sooner or later the mask will slip and your true face will be known.

THE NATURE OF SIN

1. Sin is a _____
TRANSGRESSION (1 John 3:4, Psalm 19:13)
2. Sin is a _____
TRESPASS (Leviticus 5:17-19, Matthew 6:14-15)
3. Sin is a _____
INIQUITY (Isaiah 59:2, Matthew 7:21-23)
4. Sin is a _____
SIN (Romans 3:23, Romans 6:23)

THE PENALTY OF SIN

The ultimate penalty of sin is an eternity of _____
from God and punishment in _____.

(Ezekiel 18:20, Revelation 20:15, Matthew 5:29-30)

THE HIDDEN COST OF SIN

Proverbs 6:27-28 Can a man scoop fire into his lap without his clothes being burned? Can a man walk on hot coals without his feet being scorched?

- It is true that sin _____ in punishment in eternity; it is also true that sin _____ punishment within itself right now. People will reap exactly what they sow!

TWENTY REASONS NOT TO SIN (Dr. Michael L. Brown)

1. Sin Does Not _____
2. Sin Leads to _____
3. Sin Leads to _____
4. Sin _____
5. Sin Degrades and _____
6. Sin Steals _____
7. Sin Steals Our _____ Before God
8. The Wages of Sin is _____
9. God Will _____ Sinners
10. Sin Hurts the _____
11. Sin Hurts the _____
12. Sin Hurts the Sinner's _____ and Friends
13. Sin Brings _____
14. Sin Makes Light of the _____ of Jesus
15. Sin Puts the Sinner on the Side of the _____
16. Sin Sets the Sinner Against _____
17. Sin Saps the _____
18. Sin Steals _____
19. Sin Has _____ Consequences

20. Your Sin Will Always _____