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 __________________________