

PORTRAIT OF THE KING

“Battling Sin” (Matthew 18:7-9)

INTRODUCTION

- 5 Misconceptions on Putting Sin to Death (John Owen, *Overcoming Sin and Temptation*)

1. _____ the utter death and destruction of that sin.
2. _____ yourself to stop the sin.
3. _____ on a respectable disposition.
4. _____ the sin.
5. _____ on “occasional” triumphs.

- KEY POINT: _____

EXPOSITION

1. So that we might not _____ others (vs. 7)

- Cf. Proverbs 19:11

- How to Know If You’ve Offended Someone:

- a) The offended might tell you they were offended.
- b) The offended might show relational distance.
- c) The offended might share with others that you hurt them.
- d) The offended might say nothing at all.

- Cf. Matthew 5:23-25

- A strategy for battling sin: _____ with the needs and desires of others.

- Cf. Philippians 2:3-4

2. So that we might _____ ourselves (vs. 8-9)

- Cf. Philippians 3:8
- Another strategy for battling sin: We must know _____ and _____ we are likely to sin.

CONCLUSION

- God has not left us without the spiritual resources that we need to battle sin (I Corinthians 10:13).
- Be P.R.E.P.A.R.E.D
 - a) _____ (I Thessalonians 5:17).
 - b) _____ Gospel truths (Galatians 5:24).
 - c) _____ your heart (Matthew 6:33; II Corinthians 10:5).
 - d) _____ off sin and put on righteousness (Titus 2:11-14).
 - e) _____ (James 1:25).
 - f) _____ with God's Word (II Peter 1:3).
 - g) _____ others to help and pray for you (Hebrews 10:24-25).
 - h) _____ on the Holy Spirit for help (John 14:26).

TAKE IT A STEP FURTHER

- 1) What strategies have you been using to battle a sin in your life recently?
- 2) What Scriptures have been of help or encouragement in that battle?
- 3) Book Recommendation – *Christ and Your Problems* by Jay Adams