

# THE POWER OF SIN & THE CURE FOR SIN

## Part 2: The Danger of Sin as a Lifestyle

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Lifestyle:

- ‡ the way in which a person lives.
- ‡ the habits, attitudes, tastes, moral standards, that together constitute the manner of living of an individual.
- ‡ the overall picture of how someone lives, reflecting their choices, resources, and personality.

Identifying your lifestyle:

- What do you do daily?
- What's important to you?
- Where do you live and how does it influence you?
- How do you interact with others?
- How do resources shape choices?

**Lifestyle choices can be defined as the decisions that people make about their way of living.**

Key points about your lifestyle choices:

- They are personal decisions
- They will influence your perspective on life
- They will determine your relationship with GOD
- They have consequences
- They will affect others you are connected with
- They can be changed
- They follow you into eternity

**Revelation 22:11-12 KJV** He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still. (12) And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

**Revelation 22:11-12 CEV** Evil people will keep on being evil, and everyone who is dirty-minded will still be dirty-minded. But good people will keep on doing right, and God's people will always be holy. (12) Then I was told: I am coming soon! And when I come, I will reward everyone for what they have done.

## THE DANGER OF SIN AS A LIFESTYLE:

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### Weight:

- ✚ Excessive affection and concern for the body, and the present life and world.
- ✚ Whatever would be an impediment in our efforts to live a righteous life

### Sin:

- ✚ the sin which especially winds around us, and hinders our course
- ✚ Those to which we are particularly vulnerable to by how we feel, and behave from our development of personality, or disposition.

Notice the Apostle is speaking to believers:

- ✚ Seeing we also
- ✚ Let us lay aside
- ✚ Easily beset us
- ✚ Let us run
- ✚ The race that is set before us

- Sin cripples the believer from passionately loving the LORD
- Sin hinders the believer from fully surrendering to the will of GOD
- Sin interferes with the believer's ability to follow the course of life required by the LORD
- Sin blinds the believer from embracing the spiritual walk and life that pleases the LORD
- Sin seduces the believer to focus on the pleasures of the flesh

## THE REMEDY FOR SIN IN OUR LIFESTYLE:

**1 John 1:6-10 KJV** If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: (7) But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. (8) If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. (9) If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (10) If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

- ✚ Fellowship with the LORD and brothers and sisters in Christ
- ✚ Living according to the Light in the Word of the LORD
- ✚ Acknowledging the sin within our heart to ourselves
- ✚ Requesting the LORD to forgive our sins