

What is at the root of habitual sin?

Impurities of active sinning have a root: The root is that sin hates the truth of God, suppresses it, and exchanges it for what sin loves and worships. Sin loves to worship and serve evil or self not the Creator. That's the root of sinning. The root of sinning gives a legal hold to Satan.

The root cause becomes the primary indication of an active blockage or hindrance in one's life / is the basic cause of injury, broken relationship, addiction, or financial hardships or misfortune in the victim's life.

What is sin? Sin is disobedience to the word of God. Sin opens a door or gate through sin, trauma, words, transgression and iniquity . It also arouses emotions. Emotions in turn open other doors for spiritual conflicts, afflictions and damage. Please explore the diagram below. An emotion of anger alone is the root of so many manifestations.



Unforgiveness is another major toxic emotion. As in Matthew 25, it gives room for tormentors to enter. A spiritual agent, usually an evil spirit or a demon, receives a permit to go into action to execute and damage our lives.

Demons cannot enter inside a person unless the person does **something specific** at their end that will **open the door** for them to be able to come into them. **Something specific** will be their **legal right for Satan to enter and exercise evil, for his one intention is to rob, steal and destroy our lives.**

Other basic sources of gates to open for demonic activity or spiritual conflicts/afflictions could be due to 1)ungodly covenants 2)healing practices not in the Bible which are practised 3)Soul ties 4)Foolish and careless words /witchcraft and accusation/ spoken words or vows or curses. 5) Even physical possessions (eg charms, gifts) at times. There are many other sources.

The main Roots of sin -contradicting Gods word are reflected in :
pride, vanity, and sensuality.

COMMON MANIFESTATIONS OF PRIDE

- too high an opinion of myself
- annoyance with those who contradict.
- anger if I don't get my way or am not taken into account
- easily judgmental, putting others down, gossiping about them
- slow to recognize my own mistakes, or to see when I hurt others, and inability to seek and give forgiveness
- rage for instance when others don't thank me for favours
- unwillingness to serve, rebellion against what I don't like
- impatience, distance, rudeness in my daily contact with others
- thinking I am the only one who knows how to do things right, unwillingness to let others help.
- not feeling a need for God, even though I do say prayers
- nursing grudges, even in small matters
- never taking orders/ Not a teachable spirit.
- inflexible / always putting myself and my things first, indifference towards others and their needs, never putting myself out for them
- Wanting to be the centre of everything (conversation, choices.) about myself and my likes
- calculating in my relations with God and with others

COMMON MANIFESTATIONS OF VANITY

- always seeking admiration and praise, worrying about not getting it
- excessive concern about physical appearance
- being guided by the opinions of others rather than God's word (this is sometimes called "human respect")
- sacrificing principles to fit in
- placing too much a premium on popularity and acceptance
- easily discouraged by failures
- taking pleasure in listening to gossip and hearing about others' failures
- always wanting to be the centre of attention, at times stretching the truth, or lying outright, or being uncharitable in my words to achieve this.

COMMON MANIFESTATIONS OF SENSUALITY

- laziness
- always the most comfortable, what requires least effort
- not going the extra mile for others
- procrastination, last-minute in everything
- shoddiness, complaining, excessively affected by minor discomforts
- inability to sacrifice
- expecting everyone else to serve me always
- behaviour and decisions ruled by my feelings and moods instead of my principles
- daydreaming a lot with self at centre
- unable to control my thoughts when they attract me, even if they are not good
- doing only what I enjoy (choice of food, work, etc)
- uncontrolled and overpowering curiosity, wanting to see and experience everything and every pleasure
- acting out my feelings (frustrations, desires...) with no regard for my conscience, God or others
- only working with those I like, being easily hurt
- fickleness and inconstancy
- can never finish what I start.

What does it mean to overcome your sins or these roots?

To overcome sin means to repent of it. The Greek word for repentance is metanoia, which means, to change. As we repent of our sins, we need to change our old evil ways and start living a righteous life. We already know why we need to overcome sin, but how exactly can we do that? Thankfully, the Bible tells us how

How does repentance help you overcome your sins?

Repentance includes Humble Self-Surrender to the Will and Service of God. So first comes the recognition that we sinned against God, then comes an inward repulsiveness to sin, followed by the actual forsaking of it. And lastly comes the humble self-surrender to the will and service of God.

To repent is to change from sin to belief in and obedience to God.

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