

DEALING WITH YOUR SIGNATURE SIN

Hebrews 12:1-2

“Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us lay aside every encumbrance and THE SIN WHICH SO EASILY ENTANGLES US, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

SIN – hamartia:
to miss the mark (like an archer);
to come up short; to be off target.



WHAT IS A “SIGNATURE” SIN?

The sin that clings so close (ESV)

The sin that so easily entangles (NIV)

No parasitic sins (The Message)

The sin which doth so easily beset us (KJV)

The sin that just won't let go (CEV)

The sin that so easily holds us back (NCV)

The sin that easily ensnares us (HCSB)

**Pride – Greed – Lust – Envy – Laziness – Anger
– Gluttony – Worry – Witchcraft – Addictions –
Strife – Hate – Fornication – Adultery – Lying –
Selfishness – Pornography – Self Pity – Bitter –
Gossip – Backbiting – Sexual Abuse – Yelling –
Covetousness – Thievery – Cheating – Slander
– Self Centered – Irritable – Stubborn – Malice
– Uncaring – Easily Hurt – Hypocritical –
Resentful – Sorcery – Coarse Language –
Bragging – Ungrateful – Boastful – No Self
Control – Idolatry – Cliquish – Proud
Six steps to victory over that sin! – Ps.119:1-16**

PS.119:1-3

#1

PUT YOUR
NAME ON
YOUR
SIGNATURE
SIN

A blameless believer

Walk in God's ways

Observe His testimonies

Do no unrighteousness

Ps.119:4-8

#2

**Unmask Who
You Are
Before
God**

vv.5-6

**Oh that my ways may be
established to keep your
statutes!**

**Then I shall not be ashamed
when I look upon all your
commandments.**

In the final analysis all sin is against God –

Ps.51:4 – (David/Bathsheba) - “Against You, You only, I have sinned and done what is evil in Your sight.”

Gen.39:9 – (Joseph/Potiphar’s wife) – “How then could I do this great evil and sin against God?”

I Jn.1:9 – “If confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

Ps.119:9-10

#3

**Replace old
patterns with
new ones**

vv.9-10

How can a young man keep his way pure? By keeping it according to Your word.

With all my heart I have sought You; do not let me wander from Your commandments.

Don't Laugh at Me

<http://youtu.be/ziLiIPViM2E>

Ps.119:11-12

#4

**Identify the
Scriptures that
will be of help**

vv.11-12

**Your Word have I treasured
in my heart, that I may not
sin against You.**

**Blessed are You, O Lord;
teach me Your statutes.**

Ps.119:13

#5

Trust a friend
to help you

v.13

*“With my lips I have told of
all the ordinances of Your
mouth.”*

Prov.17:17

*“A friend loves at all times,
and a brother is born for
adversity.”*

John Wesley's "Society Meetings"

5 questions asked of everyone:

1. What known sins have you committed since our last meeting?
2. What temptations have you met with?
3. How were you delivered?
4. What have you thought, said, or done, of which you doubt whether it be sin or not?
5. Have you nothing you desire to keep secret?

Would you rather be in his meetings or in the community group you're in now?

Ps.119:14-16

#6

Yell when you
get it right

v.14 – I have rejoiced

v.15 – I will meditate

v.16a – I shall delight

v.16b – I shall not forget

SIX STEPS TOWARD VICTORY

1. Put your name on your signature sin.
2. Unmask who you are before God.
3. Replace old patterns with new ones.
4. Identify the Scriptures that will be of help.
5. Trust a friend to help you.
6. YELL when you get it right.

1 Corinthians 6:11

“Such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.”