

Attitudes

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I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Proverbs 23:7.
- B. The Bible is the book about ultimate reality—it reveals the truth about God and man.
- C. We are not the sum total of what others think of us.
- D. Our reactions reveal who we are.

II. Sin is a declaration of war against God. (Isaiah 14, Romans 12:2)

- A. The subtlest form of temptation is accepting doubt about God's Word.
- B. No Christian ever "fell" into sin. (Joshua 7:20-21)
- C. Steps of sin: I saw, I coveted, I took and I hid.
- D. The place to deal with sin is in the thought life.
- E. Sin will always be uncovered. (Proverbs 4:23, 25)
- F. We are given power to deal with the devil's strongholds in the thought life. (II Corinthians 10)

III. The solution.

- A. We must bring every thought into captivity for Christ. (Proverbs 13:10)
- B. The cross is the solution to pride.
- C. We need daily cleansing through the blood of Christ. (I John 1:7)
- D. We must be content with what we have.
- E. There is a difference between accusation of Satan and the conviction of sin.

IV. Steps to Christian maturity. (Romans 14)

- A. Having proper convictions.
- B. Having consideration for others.

C. Making a contribution.

D. Receiving others unconditionally. (John 9)

Application questions:

1. How is it helpful to know the steps of sin?

2. How would you counsel someone struggling with sin in light of the message?

3. How are you contributing to others in order to grow as a Christian? How can you maximize your contribution?
