

6 Arguments Satan Uses to Tempt You & 6 Responses to Use When He Does

Introduction

Do you only hate the consequences of your sin or the sin?

The answer is always the same: faith and repentance. We need to dig deeper to expose the lies in our hearts and repent of the idols in our hearts. The New Testament language of repentance is often violent:

Amputation: Matthew 5:29-30

Starvation: Romans 13:14

Fighting: Ephesians 6:13

Argument 1: The Pleasure of Sin

Response: The pleasure of sin is real, but so are pangs of conscience and the flames of hell.

Argument 2: The Secrecy of Sin

Response: Can I find somewhere God is not present for me to sin?

Argument 3: The Profit of Sin

Response: What do I benefit from if I gain the whole world but lose my soul? I won't risk my soul for all I can have in the world.

Argument 4: The Smallness of Sin

Response: If I commit this sin, I will offend and wrong God

Argument 5: The Grace of God

Response: Because God is good. Should I take God's glorious mercy and make it a reason to sin?

Argument 6: The Example of Others

Response: God did not record the example of good people sinning for me to copy but to warn me.

Conclusion

Where we see only isolated or individual acts, God sees the overall web of our sinning. What may seem insignificant, even sporadic, to us and passes with hardly a notice creates a much more dramatic display from God's panoramic viewpoint.