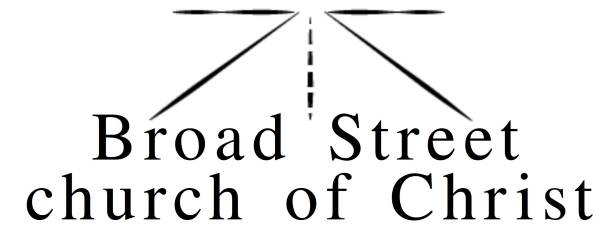


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“Little” Sins, “Big” Sins and Full Grown Sins

Sometimes we mistakenly think of the magnitude of sins in a wrong way. We talk of “little” sins as being those which really do not “count” because they seem so innocent when compared to major blunders which only the most ungodly do. The Catholic Church even has the same view of sins which are characterized as venial and mortal sins.

When one has this mindset, he struggles to figure out how eating fruit from a tree in the Garden of Eden could be so wrong. How could such an “innocent” act be compared to the sin mentioned in in the next chapter where a brother kills his own brother? Surely, murder must be a greater sin than eating fruit.

The same mindset struggles to deal with the “little” sin Saul committed in First Samuel chapter thirteen. Saul had been king for only one year when he was confronted by the Philistine army which had 30,000 chariots and 6,000 horsemen. Saul’s army had only 3,000 soldiers. The prophet Samuel told the king that he would come to the battlefield and make sacrifices to God to seek His blessing in the conflict. For some unknown reason, Samuel was delayed, and Saul’s army was about to flee even before the battle was begun. He knew he could never defeat the Philistines without the Lord’s help and, though he was not a priest, he went ahead and offered the sacrifice. How could such be wrong? If it was a sin, it had to be a “little” one. Yet God did not see it this way. Saul’s “little” sin caused the kingdom to be taken from the lineage of Saul. Our view of “little” and “big” sins is often so wrong.

While the Bible does not use these words to describe sin, it does speak of “full grown” sins (Jas. 1:15). This verse describes the enticement of sin and the entrance into sin as the birth of sin. However, sin does not remain a “baby” sin. If it is not dealt with, it grows and grows in our lives. We often fail to realize that

What must I do to be saved?
 Hear the Gospel (Acts 15:7); Believe the Gospel (Mark 16:15-16); Repent of Sins (Acts 17:30); Confess Christ (Romans 10:9-10); Be Baptized (Acts 2:38)

Scripture Reading:	Joshua Speer
Song Leader:	Billy Ellenburg
Opening Prayer (A.M.):	Scott Phillips
Closing Prayer (A.M.):	Tom May
Opening Prayer (P.M.):	Tommy Smith
Closing Prayer (P.M.):	Landon Speer
Nursery Attendant:	TBA

Building Lockup:	Billy Ellenburg
Announcements:	Billy Ellenburg
Door Greeters:	Billy and Debbie E.
Count Contribution:	John Anderson, Harry Frye
Prepare Lord's Table:	Carol Byrd
Lord's Supper (A.M.):	John Anderson, Tommy Smith, Landon Speer, Britt Brookshire
Lord's Supper (P.M.):	Johnny Smith

Worship Times	
Sunday Bible Study	10:00 A.M.
Sunday A.M. Worship	10:55 A.M.
Sunday P.M. Worship	6:00 P.M.
Wednesday Bible Study	7:00 P.M.
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any sin can become an addiction. Peter described this process when he talked about Christians escaping the pollution of sin through following Christ but then are again "...entangled therein and overcome" (2 Pet. 2:20). Sin has remarkable power, and when we have waited until it grows we sometimes leave the Lord.

Joseph was enticed by Potiphar's wife. He ran! Had he stayed he might have fallen into the bondage of sin. David was tempted and did not run! Look at the ruin such brought to his life and family.

"Little" sins may seem rather innocent when we are first enticed by them, but yielding to "little sins" from a heart set on ignoring God opens the door to the bondage of sin. When you sin, repent. Do not let it become full grown! By: Dan Jenkins

Sermons:

A.M. - Don't Be a Child, Be a Child - 1 Cor. 14:20

P.M. - What Do You Owe? - Matt. 22:35-40

Welcome to Broad Street Church of Christ

A special welcome is extended to all of our guests. Please let us know if we can assist you. Please fill out a visitor's card which is located on the back of the pew in front of you. Deposit the card in the collection plate when it is passed. If you are looking for a place to worship regularly, we would love to have you here at Broad Street. Please come back and visit with us again.

SHUT-INS:

Ruby Gibson, Bill Proctor and Frances Elam.

PRAYERS:

Johnny Smith Jr., Phyllis Rumble, Stanley Sharpe, Helen Lyerly, Doris Ellenburg, Will Winchester, Betty Smith and Frank Shepherd.

- Jane Shepherd, had surgery last week for bladder cancer. The surgeon was able to remove all of the cancer.

- Guy Jones, Joan Smith's brother, is recovering from surgery and doing well.

Upcoming Events:

Apr. 10: Ladies' class will meet at 6:30 P.M. in the annex.

Apr. 13: Book of the month fellowship will meet at 6:30 P.M. We will cover chapters 3 and 4.

Apr. 23-26: Lexington church of Christ will host a Gospel Meeting with Phil Sanders. Meeting times Monday through Wednesday will be at 7 P.M.

Apr. 23-27: Rockhill church of Christ will have a Gospel Meetng. Meeting times Monday through Wednesday will be at 7:30 P.M. For more information please see the flyer.

Apr. 23-26: Liledoun church of Christ will have a Gospel Meeting with Jeff Cannon. Meeting times Mon - Wed. at 7 P.M.

May 7-10: Mark you calendar for our Gospel Meeting with Rod Rutherford.

June 12-16: Plan on attending VBS! Remember, there will be classes for all ages.