

Associated with Sin - Lesson

Lesson summary: We need to be willing to surrender to God things that are not necessarily sinful, but will make it more difficult to live a clean life.

DEUTERONOMY 12:2 (NIV)

Destroy completely all the places on the high mountains and on the hills and under every spreading tree where the nations you are dispossessing **worship their gods**.

Why did God want them to destroy even the places that the worship of false gods took place?

He knew that certain things become associated with sin and cause us to dwell on it and then we begin to desire it.

JUDE 1:23 (NIV)

Snatch others from the fire and save them; to others show mercy, mixed with fear—**hating even the clothing** stained by corrupted flesh.

There are things that remind you of sinful things done in your past that need to be eliminated from your life.

What types of things do they trigger?

- Memories of getting high
- Memories of past sinful behavior
- Imaginations of what would happen if...
- Anything that deludes the love you have for God and causes you to struggle spiritually

We need to be careful about anything in our lives that makes it more difficult to serve God with our whole heart.

“Wishing you have godly character” and “being willing to deny yourself so you can develop Godly character” are two very different things.

What types of things should be avoided?

- Songs that remind you of your old lifestyle.
- Places you visit can remind you of things and cause temptation.
- Even stores or gas stations or certain people’s homes can do this.
- Anything that causes you to think thoughts about how you enjoyed your life of sin, and then becomes a temptation.

What are some other things that can be associated with sin in your life?