

## Ecclesiastes 12 :13-14

When all has been heard, the conclusion of the matter is this: fear God and keep His commands, because this is for all humanity. For God will bring every act to judgment, including every hidden thing, whether good or evil.

# Overcoming Persistent Sin In Our Lives:

1. Admit I have a struggle I cannot overcome without God.
2. Acknowledge the breadth and impact of my sin.
3. Understand the origin, motive, and history of my sin.
4. Repent to God for how my sin replaced and misrepresented Him.
5. Confess to those affected for harm done, and seek to make amends.

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6. Restructure my life to rely on God's grace and His Word to transform my life.

7. Implement the new structure with humility and flexibility.

8. Persevere in the new life and identity to which God has called me.

9. Steward all of my life for God's glory.

Sin is anything in our lives  
(Speech, Thoughts and Actions)  
that goes against the will of God.

## 1John 1:10

If we say, “We have not sinned,”  
we make Him a liar, and His word  
is not in us.

## Hebrews 12:1

. . . Let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles us in this life.

## Luke 18:9-14

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and looked down on everyone else: “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee was standing and praying like this about himself: ‘God, I thank you that I’m not like other people—greedy, unrighteous, adulterers, or even like this tax collector.

## Luke 18:9-14

I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of everything I get.'

“But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even raise his eyes to heaven but kept striking his chest and saying, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner!’ I tell you, this one went down to his house justified rather than the other, because everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”



## **Invitation 1:**

**Resist Self-Assurance,  
Embrace The Fear of God**

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## **Invitation 2:**

**Resist Self-Absorbance,  
Embrace A Broken Spirit**

## Luke 18:10-11a

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## **Invitation 3:**

**Resist Self-Serving  
Religion, Embrace  
Humble Surrender**

## Luke 18:11b-12

God, I thank you that I'm not like other people—greedy, unrighteous, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of everything I get.

## **Invitation 4:**

**Resist The Excuses and  
Hate Your Sin Just As  
Much As God**

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## Romans 2:6-8

He will judge everyone according to what they have done. He will give eternal life to those who keep on doing good, seeking after the glory and honor and immortality that God offers. But He will pour out His anger and wrath on those who live for themselves, who refuse to obey the truth and instead live lives of wickedness.

# **First 3 Steps of Overcoming Persistent Sin**

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