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"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" -Psalm 119:105



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Lies about Sin

Becoming like Christ is a never-ending process. A Christian will not come to a point when he can say there are no struggles with sin in his life. Only in heaven will we be without sin. I believe that's why John warned us to look out for three lies about sin:

- 1). Saying "we have fellowship with Him" while we "walk in darkness" (I John 1:6).
- 2). Saying "we have no sin" (v.8).
- 3). Saying "we have not sinned" (v.10).

After each of these lies, John gives us the truth. First, if we

walk in the light, we have fellowship with one another and Jesus' blood cleanses us from all sin (v.7). Second, if we confess our sins, He forgives and cleanses us (v.9). Third, if we sin, we have an advocate with the Father. Jesus speaks in our defense (2:1). He is the propitiation (satisfaction) for our sins (2:2).

We all struggle with temptation. We make mistakes and sin. Denial doesn't do us any good. We must see sin for what it really is.

— Shane Williams

Wanted: Average Ordinary People

The work of God is not done by “great” people but by ordinary people who are committed to Him. We may often think, “I am nothing. I have no/little gifts or talents. I fail far too often. Surely God needs to use someone else.”

The answer to those kinds of thoughts is found throughout God's Word. For example, He used the hesitant, poor speaking Moses to lead Israel from bondage. Consider some of Moses' remarks:

Ex. 3:11, *“Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and that I should bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?”*

4:1, *“Suppose they will not believe me or listen to my voice. Suppose they say, ‘The Lord has not appeared to you?’”*

4:10, *“Oh my Lord, I am not eloquent, neither before nor since You have spoken to your servant; but I am slow of speech and slow of tongue.”*

Yet, God used Moses to accomplish great things. God used shepherds, fishermen and farmers to accomplish

His work and record His words. A little known carpenter and peasant girl raised His Son.

Has God changed today? No, that's still the way He works. We have more conveniences and more technology today BUT it is still ordinary people who do God's extraordinary work. Perhaps it is parents praying with their children &

teaching them the importance of following God. It can be something as simple as an employee in a normal workplace talking to a co-worker about spiritual matters. These may not strike us as powerful great works, yet they are effective and have a lasting impact.

When we ask, “Does God really want to use me?” the answer is clear.

I Cor. 1:27, *“God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty.”*

God has been using ordinary people like you and me for thousands of years. Why would He stop now?

— Shane Williams

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A Life based on Wisdom

The prophet Jeremiah said that people who try to profit by doing wrong end up being fools (17:11).

Jeremiah 17:11, *“As a partridge that hatches eggs which it has not laid, So is he who makes a fortune, but unjustly; In the midst of his days it will forsake him, And in the end he will be a fool.”*

Their actions automatically ruin any chance for their desired outcome. They fail to see that the trouble with doing wrong is that it never turns out right. The Lord put it like this: *“I, the Lord, search the heart, I test the mind, even to give to each man according to his ways, According to the results of his deeds” (vs.10).*

We add to our foolishness by thinking we can get away with transgression. Doesn't it make so much more sense to trust in the Lord (v.7) and seek His mercy?

Jeremiah 17:7, *“Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD And*

whose trust is the LORD.”

To keep relying on ourselves and our own wisdom is a dead end (Jeremiah 10:23). We don't have all the answers and never will. Our own path will take us down a road of foolishness.

The best plan for our lives is to take God at His Word and do what is right in His sight.

Only then will we have a life based on wisdom and not on the foolishness of men!

— Shane Williams

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God's Plan for Saving Man

- ⇒ **Hear** the Gospel (Romans 10:17)
- ⇒ **Believe** the Gospel (Hebrews 11:6; John 20:31)
- ⇒ **Repent** of Past Sins (Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30)
- ⇒ **Confess Faith** in Christ (Romans 10:10; Matthew 10:32)
- ⇒ **Be Baptized** in water (Acts 2:38; Mk. 16:16; Gal. 3:27; I Pet. 3:21)
- ⇒ **Live Faithful** (Heb. 10:35-39)