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For a time is coming when people will no longer listen to sound and wholesome teaching. They will follow their own desires and will look for teachers who will tell them whatever their itching ears want to hear. 2 Timothy 4:3 (NLT)

## Cultural Misunderstandings About Sin

1. I'm not a \_\_\_\_\_ person

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 1 John 1:8 (NRSV)

As it is written: "There is no one righteous, not even one; Romans 3:10 (NIV2011)

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, Romans 3:23 (NIV2011)

2. All sin is the \_\_\_\_\_.

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 6:23 (NLT)

How we live influences:

Consequences on \_\_\_\_\_

They devour widows' houses and for a show make lengthy prayers. These men will be punished most severely." Luke 20:47 (NIV2011) Jesus answered him, "... therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin." John 19:11 (NRSV)

Run from sexual sin! No other sin so clearly affects the body as this one does. For sexual immorality is a sin against your own body. **1 Corinthians 6:18 (NLT)** 

3. Since I've already \_\_\_\_\_ it, I might as well \_\_\_\_\_ doing it.

<sup>1</sup> Well then, should we keep on sinning so that God can show us more and more of his wonderful grace? <sup>2</sup> Of course not! Since we have died to sin, how can we continue to live in it? **Romans 6:1-2 (NLT)** 

## THE GOOD NEWS

... And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

1 Corinthians 10:13

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, [God] is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

## 1 John 1:8-9

## My Next Step Today Is To...

- Think about what hurts, habits, and hang ups you have that might lead to sinful actions
- Be willing to ask God to help me in the area of \_\_\_\_\_.
- Meditate on and/or memorize 1 John 1:8-9
- Give my life to God, receiving forgiveness for my sin and begin a new life in Jesus.