

Question 8: "Do You Still Grieve over Sin?"

3 John 2

Are you as concerned over your spiritual health as you are over your physical health?
Have you ever had a greater hunger or zeal for the things of God than you do tonight?
What do you crave after? What do you hunger and thirst after? Matthew 5:6; Isaiah 55:1,2
Your appetite will tell you everything you need to know about your spiritual health!
Are you growing in Christ?
Who's responsible for your growth or lack thereof?
Ephesians 4:30; 2 Peter 2:4-9; Read pg. 101

Do I grieve over sin? Does what used to break my heart still break it? Psalm 38:18. Am I still sorry about my sin?

J.C. Ryle, "I am convinced that the 1st step towards attaining a higher standard of holiness is to realize more fully the amazing sinfulness of sin"

The apostle Paul considered himself the chief sinner. 1 Timothy 1:15. Paul's sin became more obvious to him the closer he got to God. Paul's sin broke his heart the godlier he became. Our sin should grieve us the closer we get to God. The jokes we responded to, the things we look at, the places we go, the attitudes we have should all be affected by our spiritual life.

We trivialize sin and laugh at it. We dismiss it. We justify it, don't want to hear about it, all the while we become spiritually sicker and sicker. Sin separates us from God. God hates sin. He can't look at it. Are we truly aware of the sin in our lives? Are we willing to confess and forsake it? Are we like David in Psalm 51, or are we like Demas 2 Timothy 4:10?

Psalm 66:18. If I don't have to sin, I regard (to harbor) sin in my heart. God won't hear me.

1 John 1:9

Be careful of "little" sins. 1 Corinthians 5:6

A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump. Knowing to do good and doing it not is sin. James 4:17

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