

PERSONAL EVANGELISM, PART 14
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The Problem of Sin

Diagnostic Question/Transition:

- **“Would you consider yourself a pretty good person?”**
- (If yes):
 - “Do you _____ any of the Ten Commandments?”
 - “Have you kept them?”
 - (Or):
 - “Can I ask you a few questions to see if you are a good person?”

Illustrations of Sin—The School of the Law

- No. 9—“Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.”
 - False witness = _____
 - **“Have you ever told a lie?”**
 - **“What does that make you?” A liar.**
 - (Note: we will return to this sin again later on, in penalty for sin, where we learn that all liars have their _____ in the lake of fire.)
- No. 8—“Thou shalt not steal.”
 - **“Have you ever stolen something?”**
 - Even _____ stuff?
 - **“What does that make you?” A _____.**
- No. 3—“Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain.”
 - _____ = using God’s name as a _____ word and dragging it through the mud.
 - **“Have you ever taken God’s name in vain?”**
 - **“What does that make you?” A blasphemer.**
 - Quote: “The Lord will not hold him _____ that taketh his name in vain.”
- No. 5—“Honor thy father and thy mother.”
 - Honor = respect and _____
 - **“Have you ever disobeyed your parents?”**
 - **“What does that make you?” _____.**
- Transition:
 - “So far, by your own admission, you’re a lying, disobedient thief and blasphemer.”
 - But wait, there’s more....
 - As time allows or need requires, go on to the other commandments:
 - Key difference: Don’t ask them if they have _____ these specific sins.
- No. 7—“Thou shalt not commit adultery.”
 - Forbids all sexual sin, including _____, because Jesus said lust is adultery in the heart.
 - Quote: “Whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.”
- No. 6—“Thou shalt not kill.”

- Forbids murder, and _____ is murder in the heart.
- 1 John 3:15: “Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer.”
- Jesus said whosoever shall call his brother, “Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.”
- Nos. 1,2—“Thou shalt have no other gods before me” and “Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image...”
 - Forbids _____
 - Includes making up your own _____ of God
- No. 10—“Thou shalt not covet.”
 - Covet = to desire something you don’t own or don’t have the _____ to possess
 - How many of us can say we have never coveted?
- No. 4—“Remember the Sabbath.”
 - How many people set aside one _____ in seven for God?
- A General Observation:
 - Apply the commandments with flexibility and _____.
- Key Question:
 - **“If God were to judge you by the perfect _____ of the Law, would you be innocent or guilty?”**
 - Only one right answer = _____

Universality of Sin

- Our _____ is we are all guilty sinners before God.
- **Romans 3:10, Eccles. 7:20, Isaiah 53:6a, 64:6a**

Definition of Sin

- Sin = breaking God’s _____
- **I John 3:4b, James 2:10**

Disqualification of Sin

- **Romans 3:23**
- We have all missed God’s mark of _____.
 - His perfect standard seen in the Law.
- Therefore, we are all guilty _____ before God.
- And we all deserve _____.
- **Grand Canyon illustration**

Another General Observation

- These points can be presented in any order. The main thing is to cover them all.

Homework Assignment:

- Learn the basic outline of the “Problem of Sin”:
 - Illustrations of Sin—School of the Law (Exod. 20)
 - Universality of Sin—Rom. 3:10
 - Definition of Sin—I John 3:4b
 - Disqualification of Sin—Rom. 3:23
- Practice presenting the “Problem of Sin” with a partner.

Memory Verses

Ecclesiastes 7:20
Isaiah 53:6