



Sermon Notes: How to Trip Sin before Sin Trips You

1. Sin loses its power when you fight it at the level of temptation.

2. Sin loses its power when you call it what it is.

3. Sin loses its power when you repent of it.

4. Sin loses its power when you forgive it.

Gospel Applications:

1. You can only live this way to the degree that you first believe this is how Christ treated you.

2. Treat your own sin with ferocity and others' sin with grace.

3. Live in such a way that you make it easier for others not to sin – and easier to find forgiveness when they do.



Application Questions: How to Trip Sin before Sin Trips You

1. What are the primary methods/means our culture uses to entice people to do things contrary to the Law of God? How/why is it helpful to identify and be aware of these?
2. There are people in your life who react sinfully to you. What patterns are you able to discern *about your own attitudes/actions* that seem to provoke sinful responses?
3. Referring to #3, what are some simple changes you could make to be less of a stumbling block to others?
4. What patterns do you observe in the ways people tend to react when they've been sinned against? Why do you think these reactions come more instinctively than a private rebuke?
5. What are some words you would use to describe an effective vs. ineffective rebuke? Explain.
6. Of the 5 A's of repentance (admit you did wrong, acknowledge the effect on others, accept the consequences, ask forgiveness, alter your direction), which do you find the most difficult? Which have you been doing the least – or not at all? In which area(s) do you need to grow?
7. Of the 4 laws of forgiveness (good thought, hurt you not, gossip never, friends forever), which do you find the most difficult? Which have you been doing the least – or not at all? In which area(s) do you need to grow?
8. What would a culture begin to look like over time if each person treated his/her own sin with ferocity and the sins of others with grace?
9. What one thing will you do to live out this Scripture this week?