

Vague Advice... Not Always Helpful

Big Question: Why does the Bible have sin lists?

Reason 1: Because we need to know what the different sins are

Where does the Bible talk about this?

All the sin lists: Matthew 15:19, Mark 7:20-23, Romans 1:29, 1 Corinthians 6:9, Galatians 5:19-21, Colossians 3:5-8, 1 Timothy 1:9-10, Titus 1:7, Titus 3:3, 1 Peter 4:3, 1 Peter 4:15, Revelation 21:8

Compiled list: Evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, pride, foolishness, maliciousness, gossip, hating God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, faithless, heartless, ruthless, greed, drunkenness, reviling, swindling, impurity, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, orgies, passion, wrath, obscene talk, lawlessness, disobedience, unholiness, profanity, striking your mom or dad, enslavers, liars, perjurers, arrogance, quick temperedness, violent, drinking parties, evildoing, meddling

Sin and the wrath of God (vs. 6)

Reason 2: Because sins aren't equally obvious

Different cultures need different instruction

People aren't basically good

57% of American evangelicals(!!!) agreed with this: “Everyone sins a little, but most people are good by nature.” The US adult population, 66%.

Reason 3: To show us our new walk

How do you walk?

Colossians 3:7 “In these you too once walked, when you were living in them.”

Colossians 4:5 “Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.”

Salt and light

1 Peter 1:12 “Live such good lives among unbelievers, so that even when they speak against you, they will see what extraordinary lives you live, and they will come to believe in God themselves.” [Pastor Brian’s paraphrase]

The story of a woman at Mom Connect

Reason 4: So we can live out our identity in Christ

A Gospel-motivated life that is in Christ

<i>You have been raised with Christ</i>	<i>so</i>	<i>seek the things where Christ is</i>
<i>You have died with Christ</i>	<i>so</i>	<i>put to death what is earthly in you</i>
<i>You will appear with Him in glory</i>	<i>so</i>	<i>don’t act in ways that provoke God’s wrath</i>
<i>You are a new self!</i>	<i>so</i>	<i>put off the old self</i>

Not a single pragmatic argument from Paul

Questions for Personal Study

1. Read through the compiled sin list. Are there any sins that come easy to you?
2. Do you find it interesting that the Bible challenges the sins of different cultures for different reasons?
3. How has Jesus changed your “walk?”
4. How can a Christian’s new walk and identity in Christ be an example to others? Do you have any examples or stories of this that you know?