

# **Strengthen the Core in '24 "Hate Sin"**

**We know that we're growing spiritually and becoming more like Jesus when we begin to hate sin, and not just sin's consequences.**

**Would you lie, if you could get away with it, or do you love the truth and hate lies?**

**Would you steal if you could get away with it, or do you hate covetousness and lusting after what God has given someone else?**

**Would you murder if you could get away with it, or do you love others as Christ loves you and hate bring in any harm to them?**

## **1. What is Sin?**

**“Everyone who practices sin also practices lawlessness; and sin is lawlessness [ignoring God’s law by action or neglect or by tolerating wrongdoing—being unrestrained by His commands and His will].”**

**1 John 3:4 AMP**

## **2. Sin follows a process.**

**“Temptation comes from our own desires, which entice us and drag us away.**

**These desires give birth to sinful actions.**

**And when sin is allowed to grow, it gives birth to death.”**

**James 1:14-15 NLT**

**Desire + Action = Births Sin**

**Sin Grows = Death**

## **3. God hate sin because sin leads to death.**

**“The last enemy to be abolished and put to an end is death.”**

**1 Corinthians 15:26 AMP**

**Hating sin isn't about hating sin in others.**

**It's easy to hate other people's sin.**

**Not so easy to hate it in ourselves.**

**King David and Nathan, 2 Samuel 11, 12**

**“Create in me a clean heart, O God,**

**And renew a steadfast spirit within me.**

**Do not cast me away from Your presence,**

**And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.**

**Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,**

**And uphold me by Your generous Spirit.**

**Then I will teach transgressors Your ways,**

**And sinners shall be converted to You.”**

**Psalms 51:10-13 NKJV**

**“For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.”**

**Philippians 2:13 NLT**