

BIG ENOUGH: God Is Big Enough To Conquer Your Sin Habits (Romans 8:12-13)

Introduction.

Habits are common to us all. Some are good and some are not so good.

Good habits – Dental hygiene, auto maintenance, “thank you” notes

Annoying habits – Grinding your teeth, smacking your gum

Quirks –

Funny – Former softball pitchers pre-pitch antics

Sinful – Lying (Exaggeration), Lust, Excessive Anger

To often, these habits, because they become second nature, control us. Instead, we need to learn how to control them.

A bad habit is usually connected to wrong beliefs and attitudes. We should **not** want to change a habit only because it is embarrassing, expensive, unhealthy, or makes us feel guilty – rather we should want God’s greater purpose for our life to be fulfilled. Until we deal with the underlying wrong beliefs that weaken our resistance to the bad habit, we will have only limited success in overcoming it. The Christian must see that bad habits are ultimately spiritual issues. We must not hesitate to call them sins. – John MacArthur.

BIG IDEA: Sin habits are spiritually devastating, but God is **BIG ENOUGH** to give dominating victory over sin habits.

Contextualize this sermon in the series.

Contextualize Romans 8:12-13.

I. Pain of Sin Habits (Romans 8:12)

A) The source of sin habits (the flesh)

B) The liberation of believers

C) The consequence of fleshly living.

Why we fail to conquer sin habits.

1. We try to conquer habits in the energy of the soul (the flesh).
2. We are double-minded (James 1:8, We haven't learn to hate evil)
3. We make provision for sinful pleasures.
4. We attempt to hide secret sins.

II. Provisions for Spiritual Victory (Romans 8:13)

A) The Person of the Spirit

B) The Power of the Spirit

(We cannot have victory over the sin through the efforts of the flesh.)

C) The Product of Spirit-living.

III. Steps to Spiritual Victory

A) Because sin begins in the mind (James 1:14-15), press Romans 6 and 8 into your soul.

B) Understand, and believe, that you are dead to sin's mastery. (Romans 6:1-2)

C) Rely on God's power as you battle sin habits (Romans

8:12-13).

D) Personalize Romans 6

E) Make no provisions for sinful desires (Romans 13:14).
Change your life style when necessary.

F) Launch a new habit strongly and stay with it.

G) Don't battle the sin alone, find an accountability partner
(James 5:16).

H) If you fail, get up, and keep going forward.

Conclusion.

Sin is at the root of all our problems.

God, through Jesus, provided a way of escape from
eternal consequence.

God also, through the Holy Spirit, provided a way of
escape from the daily sin habits.