

Do you have any idea why
you have a problem with a
particular sin in your life?

“It’s hard to deal with
sin!”

Need to Stop & Examine
Why it’s Hard

Our Enemy - Satan

- Uses tactics designed to cause us to do things we would not ordinarily do
- He gets YOU to tell lies to YOURSELF!
- He knows what you want to hear.
- Need to recognize them
- Must stop telling them

James 4:7 “Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.”

Ten Lies We
Tell
Ourselves

Lie #1 “I Don’t Have Time.”

- A Matter of Priority
- Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 “Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man's all.”
- Matthew 6:33 “But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.”
- Do The Lord’s Work FIRST
- Matthew 16:26 “What does it profit if you get all the laundry done and lose your soul.”

Lie #2 “I Have Plenty Of Time.”

- Is It Laziness? Proverbs 6:6,9; 10:26
- Do you realize that life is fleeting?
- 1 Peter 1:24 “all flesh is as grass... withers, and its flower falls away.”
- James 4:14 “what is your life?... Vanishes away.”
- 1 John 2:17 “world is passing away”
- All comes down to a Matter Of Priorities!

Lie #3 “No One Will See Me.”

- Numbers 32:23 “your sin will find you out.”
- 2 Samuel 12:7 “You are the man!”
- Acts 5:1-11 “lied to the Holy Spirit...
lied to... God.”
- “No one will see me...”
 - On the internet.....
 - Take a drink.....
 - Think that evil thought.....

Lie #4 “God Understands That’s The Way I Am” “He Made Me That Way”

- Ezekiel 28:15 “perfect...from the day you were created...”
- James 1:17 God made you perfect!
- We Choose To Sin!
- God commands we repent – Acts 17:30
- Bad Temper?
- Foul Language?

Lie #5 “I Can Ask For Forgiveness Later.”

- Blatant Misuse of God’s Grace!
- Rebellion Against God!
- Will your repentance be from the heart if you planned to sin and repent later?
- Romans 6:17 “you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered.”
- Are you sure you’ll be able to repent later?

Lie #6 “It’s OK If My Intentions Are Good.”

- Ask Uzzah – 2 Samuel 6:6,7 “he died there by the ark of God
- 1 Chronicles 15:13 “the Lord our God broke out against us, because we did not consult Him about the proper order.”
- Good intentions no substitute for obedience- John 14:15 “love Me, keep My commandments”
- 1 John 5:3 “the Love of God...keep His commandments.”

Lie #7 “Sure God Is Pleased With It.”

- “Feels right to me.”
- 1 Samuel 15:10-23 “he has turned back from following Me.”
- Majority Approves – Everyone’s Doing It!
- Exodus 23:2 “not follow a crowd to do evil”
- 1 Kings 18:17-20 “troubler of Israel”
- Colossians 3:17 “do all in the name of the Lord Jesus”
- 1 Corinthians 4:6; 2:9-13

Lie #8 “I’m Too Young.”

- Not to be an Example
- 1 Timothy 4:12 NKJV 12 Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity.
- Titus 2:6-8 “showing yourself to be a pattern of good works”
- Not too young to overcome
- 1 John 2:13 “I write to you young men, because you have overcome the evil one.”

Lie #9 “I’m Too Old.” “I’ve Done My Part.”

- Old age is “prime time” in the life of a Christian
- Who is to teach the younger women? Titus 2:3,4
- Who is to lead the congregation? Acts 15:22
- Why Elders? Experience, training, knowledge, proven faithfulness
- Too Old?
- Finally Old Enough!

Lie #10 “There’s No Way He’ll Ever Convert.”

- Romans 1:16 – Do we doubt the power of the Gospel?
- 1 Samuel 14:6 “nothing restrains the Lord from saving by many or by few.”
- Luke 1:37 “with God nothing will be impossible.”
- Acts 9:1,20 “Saul breathing threats and murder...immediately he preached the Christ in the synagogues”
- 1 Corinthians 6:9-11