

## Sin - It's More Than Just Doing "Bad Things"

Sin is more than just doing *bad* things: it can even include doing *good* things.

- Any time we do something "good," but do so for the wrong reasons, our "good" has become sinful.
- Any time we do something "good," but have little or no concern for the effects that our actions may have on other people, our "good" has become sinful.
- Any time we do something "good," but have little or no concern for the effects that our actions may have on *ourselves*, or on our relationship with God, our "good" has become sinful.

Sin can even occur when we *don't* do anything. Any time we *fail* to do something good, which we know we should do, we are sinning - James 4:17.

We are free in Christ. But it is not a "freedom" to trample the souls of those who are spiritually weak, or to ignore our own spiritual growth and purity. Rather it is a freedom to live a life of love toward God and neighbor. Anything else is actually an expression of slavery to sin.

Some of the verses that focus on this issue:

- Romans 14:1-15:7(+)
- 1 Corinthians 6:12;8:1-11:1
- Galatians 2, 5
- Colossians 2:16-32
- 1 Peter 2:16