

The Correspondent



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*For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth... in every place.
(1 Thessalonians 1:8)*

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The Progression of Sin

-Renn Ferguson

One of the most dangerous things about sin is its ability to work slowly on the minds and hearts of men. When Peter described false teachers, he stated that they would bring their heresy in secretly and gradually (2 Peter 2:1). This is true of all sin. It does not present itself in its true nature immediately, but it presents itself in a desirable fashion. Then, once it has a hold, it takes you further from the truth than you thought you would ever go. There is a common phrase that used to describe this, "Sin will take you farther than you want to go, keep you longer than you want to stay, and cost you more than you want to pay." This principle is in fact supported by Scripture.

Notice what is said in Psalm 1:1, "Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers" (ESV). In my opinion this verse describes perfectly the progression of sin. First, you are walking in it, just getting your toe wet so to speak. Then, you are standing in it, you are dwelling on it a little bit longer. Finally, you are sitting in it, you have taken your place at the table of sin. This is an ever-present danger that Christians face. Thankfully, God has given us preventative measures so that we do not fall to sin.

In the next two verses we read, "but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers." (ESV). The only way for us to defend ourselves against the progression of sin is by equipping ourselves with the knowledge and application of God's glorious word!

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