







A Year of Community

a group of people living in the same place or having a particular characteristic in common.

a feeling of fellowship with others, because of sharing common attitudes, interests, and goals.



Necessary Risk

For us to be an effective outreach church there must be a strong community

It must be a safe place to bring your burdens

It must be a teaching place to help you grow

It must be a praying place to help us connect not just with each other, but God

There are six things the Lord hates, seven that are detestable to him: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, **a heart that devises wicked schemes**, feet that are quick to rush into evil, a false witness who pours out lies and a person who stirs up conflict in the **community**.

Proverbs 6:16-19



Premeditated Sin



Understanding the Issues

Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

James 1:15

Most sin in my life does not catch me by surprise

"I Want"



Understanding the Issues

Solomon identifies the source of this hated act as the heart

In my “heart of hearts” I want something

The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?

Reactive

Jeremiah 17:9



A Devising Heart

To plan or invent by careful thought.

Conceived: form or devise in the mind.

I go from I want to how can I get?

Desire not all bad: Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Psalms 37:4

Selfish

Wicked Schemes

James says it is the birth of sin

In Proverb 6:18 it says wicked imaginations (KJV)

So, we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

2 Corinthians 4:18

Community Impact

**Question 1: What business of anybody else's
anyway this is my life?**

Answer 1: It is Called a Body

**Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all
its many parts forms one body, so it is with Christ.**

1 Corinthians 12:12

**If we are all connected in Christ, then everything, I
do can potentially to impact the body of believers.**

Community Impact

Question 2: How can my private sins hurt the church community?

Answer 2: How Private is your life?

“But if you fail to do this, you will be sinning against the Lord; and you may be sure that your sin will find you out.”

Numbers 32:23

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Community Impact

God said eventually it finds you.

**That thought of being caught or found out
always exists**

**To minimize the risk you must
build barriers in your life**

**Despite your efforts private
becomes public**



Maintaining Community

Ground Your Heart in written word of God

But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you have come to obey from your heart the pattern of teaching that has now claimed your allegiance.

Romans 6:17

The best way to solve premeditated sin is to find something else to meditate on

Learn It

The Psalmist say the written word of God is to be a lamp and a light unto my path.

I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

Psalm 119:11

I have not departed from the commands of his lips; I have treasured the words of his mouth more than my daily bread

Job 23:12

Teach It

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Teach It

Let it make an impression

Talk about it when you sit

**If you need to write it on your forehead so
won't forget.**

Put it on display through out your home

Use It

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness

2 Timothy 3:16

No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.

1 Corinthians 9:27

Purify Your Heart

Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double minded.

James 4:8

It may even lead you to pray and seek God

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:9

Watch Over One Another

See to it, brothers, and sisters, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God

Hebrews 3:12

We are not designed to do this alone

We need to learn to keep one another accountable

This is about a preemptive strike.

Wicked Schemes

Will give birth to Death

