

# NAUGHTY BY NATURE OR A SINNER BY CHOICE?

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**AM I NAUGHTY BY NATURE  
OR A SINNER BY CHOICE?**

**“God just doesn’t throw a life preserver to a drowning person. He goes to the bottom of the sea, and pulls a corpse from the bottom of the sea, takes him up on the bank, breathes into him the breath of life and makes him alive!”**

*RC Sprouls*

# HOW DO WE IDENTIFY SIN?

Galatians 5:19-21

Now the works of the flesh are evident...sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies and things like these....I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

# WHY DO YOU SIN?

- At the center of Sin is GREED and Covetousness!
- We want what the other person has, fill in the blank...
- Money, Power, Wife, Boyfriend.....Status...House, Vacations, Cars...
- “I am more afraid of my own heart than of the pope and all his cardinals.
- I have within me the great pope, Self” (Martin Luther)

## CHARLES SPURGEON WROTE...

“When men live in sin they go from bad to worse...Evil becomes practical and then habitual...If we are left alone we become petulant sinners and teach others..”

## HOW DO WE STOP SINNING?

We surrender ourselves to God and let go of the wheel and we choose to kill the desires of the flesh.

**We are not to IGNORE SIN,  
We are supposed to be KILLING IT!!**



## ROMANS 8:12-14 (csb)

So then, brothers and sisters, we are not obligated to the flesh to live according to the flesh, (13) because if you live according to the flesh, you are going to die. But if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

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**You and I MUST FIGHT against  
AntiNomeanism: “God doesn’t care about  
our sin...God is Love...It doesn’t matter  
what I do, Jesus loves me anyway”**

**“Every man must do two things alone,  
he must do his own believing and his own  
dying”**

*Martin Luther (German Theologian)*

**JOHN 3:16**