

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

URBAN LEGENDS ABOUT SIN

The Art of Self Deception

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1 John 1

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives.

1 John 1.8-10 NIV

Why SIN LEGEDS are everywhere

- 69% of Americans believe in God
- 77% pray outside of religious services
- 75% parents responsible for a child's religious upbringing
- 45% called themselves religious
- 50% rarely or never attend worship services
- 19% attend church on a regular basis (twice a month)
- 27% don't practice any kind of religion
- 12% don't believe in any afterlife
- 24% call themselves spiritual but not religious
- 59% all religions are valid
- 43% thought people go to heaven or hell
- 62% expect to join love ones when they die
- 15% religion should be key factor in political decisions

Sin Legend Number ONE says...

- I'm not a _____ person
 - Or I am pretty good compared to other people in the world
 - Jesus said, "NO ONE IS GOOD – EXCEPT GOD" Mark 10.18 _____
 - All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags... Isaiah 64.6
 - TRUTH: YOU ARE A VERY BAD SINNER just like all the other very bad sinners in the world!!!!

Sin Legend Number TWO says...

- God will not _____ anyone
 - Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him. Hebrews 9.27-28
 - "For many are called but few are chosen." Matthew 22.14

Sin Legend Number THREE says...

- I've already sinned so I might as well _____
 - If they have escaped the corruption of the world by knowing our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and are again entangled in it and overcome, they are worse off at the end than they were at the beginning. 2 Peter 2.20
 - "The most miserable people in the world are not non-Christians, but Christians living in sin."
 - Sin is progressive, powerful, destructive

How we Apply the SIN LEGENDS

Read James 1.13-15

- WE see something we want (desire)
*(THAT IS NOT REALLY A _____)**
- WE focus on the item (enticed)
(NOT A _____ PERSON)
- WE give in just once (conceived)
*(ONE SIN IS NOT SO _____)**
- WE do it again (sin)
(I CAN DO IT _____)
- WE do it over and over (full-grown)
*(I CAN STOP AT _____)**
- WE turn away from God (death)
(GOD WILL NOT _____)

*Additional SIN LEGENDS

Dealing with the SIN LEGENDS

Why we believe the SIN LEGENDS

- We _____ to be without sin
 - ALL have sinned and come short Romans 3.23
 - We _____ ourselves
- The heart is deceitful above all things Jeremiah 17.9
 - We _____ the truth
- Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight Hebrews 4.12

How we Overcome the SIN LEGENDS

- We must _____ our sin
 - Not Ralph or Tonya but
 - PRIDE, GREED, LYING, PORNOGRAPHY, LUST, ADULTERY, THIEFT, ANGER, JUDGING....
- We must _____ to God
 - DISCARD the Sin Legends
- We must be _____
 - REJECT SIN, REMOVE SIN, REPLACE SIN