

#4 We love pursuing worldly pleasures.

Because all the pleasures and the toys that this world has to offer are so appealing, pursuing them can lead us astray.

1 John 2:15 Do not love the world
or the things in the world.
If anyone loves the world,
the love of the Father is not in him.

16 For all that *is* in the world—
the lust of the flesh,
the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—
is not of the Father but is of the world.

#5 We pridefully deny our sin problem.

When confronted about our sins, pride can cause us to deny having a problem as we lie to ourselves and others.

Proverbs 16:18 Pride goes before destruction,
And a haughty spirit before a fall.

A Closing Word of Caution:

God will not allow His children to live a lie.

God loves us and His desire is for us to live holy lives. When we yield to sin, sooner or later our sins will be exposed and we will reap what we sow. When that day comes, not only do the consequences of our sins hurt us, but sadly our sins also wound those who love us most.

Galatians 6:7–8a

Do not be deceived, God is not mocked;
for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.
For he who sows to his flesh
will of the flesh reap corruption . . .

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Message #1 of a 4 Part Sermon Series

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Overcoming Life's Failures

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Why are Christians so often

“Overtaken by Sin?”

There are five reasons why Christians may find themselves being overtaken by sin.

#1 We give in to our lustful desires.

When lustful desires entice us, it can be very easy for us to give in and to act out when facing temptation.

James 1:14 But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed.

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

1 Peter 2:11 Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul

Romans 6:12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts.

13 And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin . . .

#2 We fall prey to Satanic strongholds.

Satan attacks our weaknesses knowing if he can get a foothold in our lives, over time it will become a stronghold.

John 10:10 The thief (Satan) does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy.

1 Peter 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

2 Corinthians 10:3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh.

4 For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds,

5 casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,

#3 We hang out with the wrong crowd.

if we choose to socialize with lost friends who are living ungodly lives, to fit in often means joining them in their sin.

1 Corinthians 15:33 Do not be deceived: “Evil company corrupts good habits.”