

7. **Do I Let Many Good Opportunities Slip By?** We all have regrets. While not always 20-20, hindsight is still our best teacher. (Gal 6:10) “As we have therefore \_\_\_\_\_, let us \_\_\_\_\_ unto \_\_\_\_\_ men.” (Eccl 9:10) “Whatsoever thy hand \_\_\_\_\_, do it with thy might.” King Agrippa was (Acts 26:28) almost \_\_\_\_\_. Felix said (Acts 24:25), “Go thy way \_\_\_\_\_; when I have a \_\_\_\_\_ season, I will call for thee.” Paul said (2 Cor 2:12) that “a \_\_\_\_\_ was \_\_\_\_\_ unto me of the Lord.” **What If:** Agrippa had believed just a bit more? Felix had concentrated more? Paul had chosen not to use the “door” of opportunity? (Ps 90:4) “For a thousand years in \_\_\_\_\_ are but as yesterday when it is past.”
8. **Does Hatred Rule Me?** (1 Jn 3:15) “Whosoever \_\_\_\_\_ his brother is a \_\_\_\_\_.” Hate is a bitter thing! (Prov 10:12) “Hatred \_\_\_\_\_ strifes.” It is listed as one of the \_\_\_\_\_ (Gal 5:19-20). Do you nurse old grudges? \_\_\_\_\_ Wish anyone ill? \_\_\_\_\_
9. **Do I Think Lust Is A Minor Imperfection?** Sin’s progression: (Jas 1:14-15) #1. “But every man is \_\_\_\_\_, when he is \_\_\_\_\_ of his own lust, and \_\_\_\_\_.” #2. “Then when \_\_\_\_\_ hath \_\_\_\_\_.” This is the “lingering look,” the unwillingness to “get it off one’s mind.” #3. “It bringeth forth \_\_\_\_\_.” Sin occurs when one doesn’t use (1 Cor 10:13) the “way of escape” God promised. #4. “Sin, when it is \_\_\_\_\_, bringeth forth \_\_\_\_\_.”
10. **Sexual Lust** (Mt 5:28) “Whosoever looketh on a woman \_\_\_\_\_ hath committed adultery with her \_\_\_\_\_ in his heart.” Jesus also said (Mk 7:21-23), “For \_\_\_\_\_, out of the \_\_\_\_\_ of men, proceed \_\_\_\_\_ thoughts, adulteries, fornications ----All these evil things \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ the man.” Again, it is the “lingering look,” the “lingering thoughts,” that are sinful and precipitate even more sins.
11. **Do I “Tear Down” Other People?** James admonished: “Speak not evil one of another, brethren.” Scripture? \_\_\_\_\_ The old adage: *If you can’t say something good about somebody, don’t say anything at all.* (Lev 19:16) “Thou shalt not go \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ as a \_\_\_\_\_ among thy people.” It is easy to indict others as gossiping when you spread the same tales and are just “giving the facts.” Do I ever question that what I have said might be hurtful to others, or that it is just plain gossip? \_\_\_\_\_ Is gossip ever constructive, even if not ill-intentioned? \_\_\_\_\_
12. **Do I Really Practice Self-Control Consistently?** It isn’t hard to “bite your tongue” and refrain from saying or doing something hateful if you aren’t emotionally energized. Paul admonished: “Be ye angry, and sin not.” Scripture? \_\_\_\_\_ It isn’t necessarily wrong to get angry, but it must be controlled. It is common to hear, “I just had to get it off my chest!” Did you? (Job 13:5) “O that ye would altogether \_\_\_\_\_! and it should be your \_\_\_\_\_.”
13. **Am I Ever.....Jealous?** (Prov 6:34) “For \_\_\_\_\_ is the \_\_\_\_\_ of a man.” If we possess the Christian spirit we will remember that “love worketh no ill,” that “love is the fulfilling of the law.” Scripture? \_\_\_\_\_ A jealous person is predisposed to suspect infidelity and rivalry.
14. **Wife, How Do You Regard Your Husband?** The Bible teaches that you *learn* to love him (Titus 2:4). Is he just a convenience? A “bread winner?” God said (Gen 2:18): “It is \_\_\_\_\_ that the man should be \_\_\_\_\_.” Is your husband lonely because you have isolated him in fulfilling your own interests and pursuits, grandchildren, or “your” job, and have little time for him?
15. **Husband, How Do You Regard Your Wife?** (Col 3:19) “Husbands, \_\_\_\_\_ your wives, and \_\_\_\_\_ against them.” We have often pondered the deeper meaning of this verse. Is it possible that too many men come to see their wife as just someone to “keep house” for them and to be readily available if they need something? (Gen 2:18) “I will make him an \_\_\_\_\_ for him.” God does all things well! The “help” part and the “suitability” part are there.
16. **Parents** Is it his/her soul, her first car, his football expertise, or her college that you think about the most? Be honest! (Eph 6:4) “Provoke not your children to \_\_\_\_\_: but bring them up in the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord.” Are you sending the right signals to your children?