

how much is enough?

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markets are how societies feel
about concrete things.
what if they were about
abstract things?

an absolution exchange

too hard

so, some experiments

mechanical turk

What is something you did that you feel bad about?

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Answer

I feel about about borrowing money from my parents to pay the bills. We are in hard economic times and I have long left the nest. But I hope to be able to pay them back soon.

Cutting in on other drivers on a crowded highway

I feel bad about having sex with someone I wasn't married to because it damaged my relationship with God. fortunately I got back on the straight and narrow.

Taking orders from my boss day in and day out

I am a college instructor and I truly hate grading papers. It is usually a time-consuming and tedious task. Many papers at the college level where I teach would not have been acceptable to my high school English teachers. This is due to misuing language, having no handle on English composition, and freely cutting and pasting from the internet.

Eating too much junk food. I know it's not good for me, but it is so tempting.

lying to my parents when I was a kid.

Overeating

I feel bad that my father passed away and did not make any arrangements to take care of his funeral or burial or to support my mom after he was gone. He has left her with a mountain of debt and all alone for the first time in 43 years. She is lost, lonely and broke.

I used personal information regarding a friend's sexual history, something she had confided in me, to verbally debate her, because we got into a tift.

Someone wrote that they feel bad about:

"lying to my parents when I was a kid"

What should they do to feel better?

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Answer

if it makes you still feel that bad then just tell them about it now and get it off your chest...you will feel much better not carrying it around with you...Good Luck!

Remember that its part of being a kid, but if they feel really bad they should come clean over a bottle of wine.

Most people lie to their parents at some time or other during their childhood. Children's brains aren't developed to the point that they are able to understand the long term consequences of their actions. Most parents know that their children lie to them, at some point. Unless there is a specific lie that had dire consequences, then I think that there isn't a reason to continue to feel guilt over it in adulthood. If there is a serious lie that was associated with something very bad happening, it may be beneficial for the person to talk about it with their parents. They must be prepared for whatever the consequences of telling their parents about it now would be, though. If they don't want to talk about it or can't talk about it with their parents, perhaps talking to a therapist would help.

If they really feel that bad about it then go ahead and come clean about the lies.

If the parents are still alive, tell them and apologize. If they are not alive, tell them anyway, pretend they are there and talk to them and apologize.

Talk to them I am sure they will get a kick out of it.

You could tell your parents what you lied about and they will probably forgive you. Also you could remember that you were just a kid and have since then matured a lot more.

Take their parents to dinner.

Tell their parents what they lied about as a kid.

They could apologize to their parents now, in person or in a letter.

What is a bad thing people do?

Tell us a bad thing that people do:

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Masterbate in public

Everybody who has ever physically harmed another living being, be it human or non-human, should feel bad about it.

Start wars of aggression based on lies

Fight and argue

Cheat

Being selfish and unable/unwilling to see another's perspective.

Crack jokes about overweight people.

cheating

They lie to their parents.

kill

finally:

putting a value
on guilt

How much is enough?

Someone said that they feel bad:

i feel bad for $\${GUILT}$

How much money should they give to a charity to feel better?

dollars

Any comments?

Submit

26 bad feelings

x

25 people

x

10 cents

=

\$56

+

216 minutes of absolution
from 56 people

the personal

- 12 leaving the office early
- 20 staying silent when i should have spoken up
- 22 hurting someone to protect my family
- 25 arguing with my parents as a child
- 36 laughing when something bad happens to someone else
- 37 treating a pet like an animal
- 47 forgetting my mother's birthday
- 50 buying jewelry for my wife that might have been stolen
- 65 not spending enough time with my child
- 75 treating people badly
- 100 hitting another car and driving away twenty years ago
- 350 for being too successful

the global

- 17 driving someplace i could have walked
- 18 worrying about the future of capitalism
- 19 eating meat
- 20 paying taxes for a war i don't believe in
- 50 flying too much
- 100 watching the hungry go hungry

the liminal

- 17 arguing with history
- 11 remembering how little i remember
- 15 being jealous of my friend's success
- 17 hoping for the impossible
- 20 being mad at my spouse because of a dream
- 20 forgetting to let go
- 35 obsessing about bad times
- 37 wondering if there is no point to life

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5 being mad at my spouse for something that happened in a dream
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35 buying jewelry for my wife even though it might have been stolen
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something natural, but should be surely avoided
not a big offense
seems quite natural, but can be avoided
something to be thought of
one must grow out of this habit

even though it is natural, should be avoided

walking is good for health. so it should be taken seriously. a small fine would remind it though
it is not your fault and so a small donation will do.

should be avoided

a small punishment for not adhering to rules

we always regret something which we did to our parents as a child. so better to get rid of the ill feeling

it is something to be regretted. so pauper-ed by a small amount may remind not to repeat.

sometimes forgetting to let go results in unwanted problems. so to part a small amount may help

should plan and spend more time as a responsible parent

kleptomaniac's should be fined

It may help reduce the burden of running the charitable home.

can afford to spend some money on charity

Being able to contribute to charity will definitely make mother happy

once you decide to have a pet you should treat them well. the punishment should be remembered.

providing food for the needy always helps feel better

what if you were given a ticket

sharing success with others in the form of money will bring happiness.

It may elate your feelings to see the people being helped by you, and you get a meaning in life.

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"I don't understand the relationship between feeling better and giving money. "

FORGETTING
REMEMBERING
DREAMING
TREATING
ARGUING
HOPING
TRYING

"7" sins

Wrath
greed
Sloth
Pride
lust
envy
gluttony

