

New Outlook

CASE STUDY 4

Tony is enjoying his new outlook on life. He used to worry about trying to please God every moment of every day. That is no longer a major concern of his. He feels better just relaxing and not getting so bent out of shape when he slips up and does something wrong. It used to really bother him when he sinned. He definitely felt the guilt and shame. Sometimes it even drove him to despair.

Tony doesn't think that his new relaxed approach to his Christian life has had any negative effects. In fact, he feels like he is more pleasant to be around. He even feels better about his relationship with God. Tony sees God as more of a friend Who doesn't worry too much about what Tony does with his life.

1. Evaluate Tony's new outlook on life.

2. What do you think would be the long-term ramifications of his new outlook on life?

3. Describe what Tony's outlook on life should be according to Romans 6:11–14?

- 4. How would you describe your outlook on life? Does it include comfortableness with sin?
- 5. What could you do to heighten your sensitivity to sin? Remember the Word of God is the key ingredient.