

Bad to the Bone

Dealing with our Depravity

Others

- Believers
 - We must never become a source of temptation (Matt. 18:6; 1 Cor. 8:13).
 - We must personally confront the sin of others (Matt. 18:15-20).
 - We must quickly forgive personal offenses (Matt. 18:21-35).

Others

- Unbelievers
 - We must always expect unbelievers to sin.
 - Tit. 3:1-3
 - 2 Pet. 2:22 - It has happened to them according to the true proverb, "A DOG RETURNS TO ITS OWN VOMIT," and, "A sow, after washing, *returns* to wallowing in the mire."
 - We must not isolate ourselves from unbelievers simply because they sin (1 Cor. 5:9-10).

Ourselves

- We cannot accurately access our own motives (1 Cor. 4:3-5).
- We cannot completely discover our own sin.
 - Ps. 26:2 - Examine me, O LORD, and try me; Test my mind and my heart.
 - Ps. 139:23-24 - Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me and know my anxious thoughts; and see if there be any hurtful way in me, And lead me in the everlasting way.

Ourselves

- We must not implicitly trust our own hearts.
 - Pro. 28:26 - He who trusts in his own heart is a fool, but he who walks wisely will be delivered.
 - Jer. 17:9-10 - "The heart is more deceitful than all else and is desperately sick; who can understand it? "I, the LORD, search the heart, I test the mind, Even to give to each man according to his ways, According to the results of his deeds."
- We must not continually cater to our bodily appetites (1 Cor. 6:12-13; 9:27).
- We must never run our Christian liberty out to the edge (1 Cor. 10:1-12).
- We must radically deal with our own sin (Matt. 18:8-10).

God

- We must constantly avoid mere externalism (Is. 1:11-19; Micah 6:1-12).
- We must constantly guard against doctrinal error (Acts 20:30-31; 2 Cor. 11:3; Gal. 1:6; 3:1-3; Col. 2:4, 8; 1 Th. 3:5; 2 Pet. 3:17-18).
- We must constantly cultivate spiritual humility.
 - Ps. 51:17 - The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; A broken and a contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.