

## SINNING AGAINST THE BRETHREN

Text: 1 Corinthians 8:12

INTRO: Brotherly love demands that we be careful not to sin against the brethren. There are several ways that Christians sometimes sin against their brethren.

### I. BY DOING BODILY HARM.

For tho we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds. (2 Cor 10:3-4).

### II. BY HATING.

Whoever hates his brother is a murderer & you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him. By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. (1 JN 3:15-16).

### III. BY DEFRAUDING. READ 1 CORINTHIANS 6:1, 6-10.

### IV. BY NOT PRAYING FOR THEM.

Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you; but I will teach you the good & the right way. (1 Sam 12:23).

Confess your trespasses to one another & pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. (JS 5:16).

### V. BY NOT ENDEAVORING TO RESTORE THEM WHEN THEY HAVE STRAYED.

Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness... (Gal 6:1).

James 5:19-20; Matt. 18:15-18

### VI. BY SETTING AN IMPROPER EXAMPLE.

READ I CORINTHIANS 8:9, 13

VII. BY REFUSING TO FORGIVE.

For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. (MT 6:14-15).

VIII. BY GOSSIPING, BACKBITING, ETC.

Do not speak evil of one another, brethren. He who speaks evil of a brother & judges his brother, speaks evil of the law & judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge. (JS 4:11).

Whoever secretly slanders his neighbor, him I will destroy...  
(Psalm 101:5).

CONCLUSION: Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar & there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar & go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, & then come & offer your gift. (MT 5:23-24).

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