

## **“DEALING WITH SIN”** by Larry R. Ping II

One thing all men have in common is sin. The Word of God reports, *“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God”* (Rom. 3:23). What separates all men is how they deal with sin. Some try to hide it, although such activity is always useless (Psa. 139:7-12). Psalm 32 offers a blueprint to “deal with sin.”

**1) KEEPING SILENT ABOUT SIN PRODUCES NOTHING POSITIVE.** David penned, *“When I kept silence, my bones waxed old through my roaring all the day long. For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me: my moisture is turned into the drought of summer”* (Psa. 32:3-4). Sin, unrepented of, no matter how long ago it was committed, will still condemn us. Keeping silent about sin will lead to spiritual death (Rom. 6:23).

**2) SIN MUST BE ACKNOWLEDGED.** Psalm 32:5 reports, *“I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.”* This text helps the reader to appreciate to confess sin is to acknowledge sin. This must be done in order to achieve forgiveness. John said, *“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness”* (I Jn. 1:9). Have we acknowledged our sins to God? If not, why not?

**3) HAPPINESS COMES TO THOSE WHOSE SIN IS FORGIVEN.** The man after God’s own heart said, *“Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered”* (Psa. 32:1). Joy always accompany salvation (Lk. 15:7,10,21; Acts 8:39). Be sure you have properly covered your sin, and the joyfully live!

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## **THE VINCENNES VOICE**

*“...The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight...”* (Matt. 3:3)

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### **“BE NOT DECEIVED...”** by Larry R. Ping II

The Bible can fairly and accurately be called a “Book of Warnings.” It warns in various ways, using different phrases to issue the warnings. One such phrase is “be not deceived.”

Moses cautioned, *“Take heed to yourselves, that your heart be not deceived, and ye turn aside, and serve other gods, and worship them”* (Dte. 11:16). Pay heed to these following warnings.

**1) BE NOT DECEIVED, SINNERS WILL NOT INHERIT THE KINGDOM OF GOD.** Paul confirms this in I Corinthians 6:9-11. Some are under the illusion they can live in sin, and still be saved. Paul also alerts the Galatians about this fact (Gal. 5:19-21). Do not allow yourself to be convinced you can sin, do nothing about it, and be saved!

**2) BE NOT DECEIVED, EVIL COMPANY CORRUPTS GOOD MORALS.** The Corinthians were advised concerning this in I Corinthians 15:33. Solomon said, *“He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed”* (Prov. 13:20). Do not allow yourself to be convinced you can be with sinners, and not be affected, for you surely will be (Jam. 4:4).

**3) BE NOT DECEIVED, YOU WILL REAP WHAT YOU SOW.** Paul penned, *“Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap”* (Gal. 6:7). Hosea prophesied, those who have *“sown the wind...shall reap the whirlwind”* (Hos. 8:7). This has always been true, and always will be!

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## **BIBLE READING QUESTIONS**

The Bible reading for January 15-21 spans John 9:1-John 12:50.  
Answer the following questions based upon your reading.

- 1) What question did the disciples ask about the blind man (Jn. 9:2)? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 2) “I am the \_\_\_\_\_ : by me if any man \_\_\_\_\_ in, he shall be \_\_\_\_\_, and shall go in and out, and find \_\_\_\_\_” (Jn. 10:9).
- 3) How were John’s words described in John 10:41?  
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- 4) Name the three siblings mentioned in John 11:1.  
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- 5) “And he that was \_\_\_\_\_ came forth, \_\_\_\_\_ hand and foot with graveclothes: and his \_\_\_\_\_ was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, \_\_\_\_\_ him, and let him \_\_\_\_\_” (Jn. 11:44).
- 6) The priests wanted to put Lazarus to \_\_\_\_\_ (Jn. 12:10).
- 7) Jesus announced He was a \_\_\_\_\_ in the world (Jn. 12:46).

## **READING SCHEDULE AND MEMORY VERSES FOR THE DAYS OF JANUARY 15-21, 2023.**

**January 15, 2023:** John 9:1-John 9:24

**January 16, 2023:** John 9:25-John 10:21

**January 17, 2023:** John 10:22-John 10:42

**January 18, 2023:** John 11:1-John 11:16

**January 19, 2023:** John 11:17-John 11:44

**January 20, 2023:** John 11:45-John 12:19

**January 21, 2023:** John 12:20-John 12:50

*“Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work” (John 4:34).*

*“Princes persecute me without a cause, But my heart stands in awe of Your word” (Psalm 119:161).*

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