2. Sin Has Desire

Genesis 4:7, NIV – *"If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must master it."*

Romans 6:12, NIV – *"Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires."*

3. Sin Is Independent From Physical Body And Physical Action

Romans 5:12, NIV – *"Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned."*

Romans 8:3, NIV/KJV – *"For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in sinful flesh."*

4. Sin Has Power To Work In Us To Cause Us To Sin

Galatians 3:22. NIV – *"But the Scripture declares that the whole world is a prisoner of sin …"*

Romans 7:23, NIV – *"But I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within my members."*

5. Sin Has It's Own Will That Acts Against Us

Romans 7:20, NIV – *"Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it."*

6. Sin Has A Life Of It's Own That Produces Death

Romans 7:9, NIV – *"Once I was alive apart from law; but when the commandment came, sin sprang to life and I died."*

Romans 7:13, NIV – *"But in order that sin might be recognized as sin, it produced death in me …"*

SIN AND ANGER

1. We Must Be Slow To Become Angry

James 1:19, NIV – *"My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry,"*

2. Jesus Was Angry And Didn't Sin

Ephesians 4:26, NIV – *"In your anger do not sin: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry."*

Matthew 21:12, NIV – *"Jesus entered the temple area and drove out all who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves. 'It is written,' he said to them, 'My house will be called a house of prayer, but you are making it a den of robbers.'"*

3. How Can We Evaluate Our Anger?

a) We Must Admit That Most Of Our Anger Is Not Righteous Or Holy
b) Righteous Anger Will Produce Righteous Fruit
c) We Must Evaluate Our Anger By God's Definition Of Sin
   a. What is God's righteousness on that issue?
   b. What is God's right response to that issue?

4. What Is The Fruit Of Our Anger?

Matthew 5:22, NIV – *"But I tell you that anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to his brother, 'Raca,' is answerable to the Sanhedrin. But anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell."*

- ❑ Righteous anger always protects others, and always motivates a person to change things until they line up with God's righteous standard, and any time our anger causes us to do something that does not line up with God's righteousness, that anger is sin

5. We Must Understand The Destructive Fruit Of Most Anger

Ephesians 4:26, NIV – *"In your anger do not sin: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry."*

a) We Must Separate The Sin From The Sinner
b) Holy Anger Is Allowed, But Not Encouraged
c) Avoid The Temptation To Misuse This Verse
d) Use Anger As An Ally - When anger arises, use it as an indication that God wants you to deal with "issue" in you life that needs to be dealt with

e) Evaluate Anger By It's Duration

SIN AND FEAR

1. Fear Is Prevalent Everywhere

- ❑ A "Time Magazine" article from April 2, 2001 listed more than 4000 fears that a person can experience

2. Is There A "Healthy" Fear?

- ❑ A reflexive action, reaction, or response, is not a reasoned response, and it does not have an emotion attached to it

3. How Trauma Leads To Fear

- ❑ Our obsession of all of the negative things that could have happened, becomes the open door through which fear comes in

4. Fear Is A Lack Of Trust Of God

- ❑ Fear becomes an indicator, that I am not trusting God in some area of my life

5. The Link Between Fear And Sin

Romans 14:23, NIV – *"Everything that does not come from faith is sin."*

6. Why Is Fear Sin?

- ❑ Lack of faith is questioning God's integrity and promises

7. Fear Is Not Part Of God's Provision

2 Timothy 1:7, KJV – *"For God has not given us the spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind."*

8. Fear Is Against The Life Of God

1 John 4:18, EB – *"There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear, because fear has torment. He who fears has not been perfected in love."*
1 John 4:16, NIV – *"God is love"*.

THE NEED TO DEAL WITH FEAR AND ANGER

John 5:6, NIV – *"When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, 'Do you want to get well?'"*

THE NATURE OF SIN

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WHAT IS SIN?

1. Sin May Be An Action, Or A Lack Of Action

- ❑ There are sins of "commission" (doing something we shouldn't) and sins of "omission" (not doing something we should)

Luke 11:42, NIV – *"Woe to you Pharisees, because you give God a tenth of your mint, rue and all other kinds of garden herbs, but you neglect justice and the love of God. You should have practiced the latter without leaving the former undone."*

2. Sin May Be An Action, Or A Thought

Matthew 5:28, NIV – *"But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart."*

3. Sin In It's Essence Is "Falling Short" Or "Missing The Mark"

Romans 3:23, NIV – *"for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."*

- ❑ "Sin" = "Hamartia" (Greek) = "To miss the mark" (Archery term)

John 16:8, NIV – *"When he [Jesus] comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment:"*

a) Sin – missing God's mark of righteousness
b) Righteousness – God's mark or standard on an issue
c) Judgment – the consequence of missing the mark
- ❑ Sin is simply missing God's purpose and standard on an issue

WHAT IS THE NATURE OF SIN?

1. Sin Can Strategize, React, And Deceive

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Romans 7:11, NIV – *"For sin, seizing the opportunity afforded by the commandment, deceived me, and through the commandment put me to death."*