

Wednesday Devotional

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Scripture: Ezekiel 18: 30 – 32

The Futility of Sin By Dr. Charles Stanley

Have you considered what happens when we sin? We attempt to meet our needs apart from the Lord. Because of this, we become self-centered and drift away from God and His plan. We move further away from Him until, eventually, we may reject the idea that we need His presence at all.

The natural result of this is that we face pain, loneliness, and frustration. Why? Because we don't have the inner resources to bring peace to our troubled hearts, having shut out the only One who can provide them to us – God Himself. He created us to soar like eagles, but instead we become earthbound creatures who have lost the capacity to be who He made us to be. We've clipped our own wings by denying His leadership – which means we won't find the purpose and meaning He created us to enjoy. However, this empty restlessness is actually a good thing because it opens the door for our loving Father to make contact with us again.

If you're feeling the inner warning signals of suffering, purposelessness, uselessness, or frustration, examine your heart. You may be attempting to satisfy your needs apart from God. Thankfully, He wants you back. Don't deny Him. Repent and live.