

Well, God's saving grace teaches us to renounce them, and God's great cloud of witnesses exhorts us to lay them aside. In His great grace and love, God has given us His Son to redeem us, not only from the guilt and penalty of sin, but from its power and presence as well.

3. If I should say "No" to these sins, can I do it? Am I able to do it?

If we are genuine believers, we know from Scripture that we can do all things that God wants us to do. Of course we can't do anything perfectly, but we can do all things, even though imperfectly.

But we must not allow imperfection to transform "can do" into "can't do."

We can get the victory through Christ, who enables us by His Spirit. "I can do all things through Christ, the one strengthening me!"

We have the power to overcome besetting sins! Satan would have us believe that we can't do it. Our own past experience of failure would have us believe we can't do it. Our feelings of weakness and inadequacy and guilt would have us believe we can't do it.

But God says we can do it!!

But now the second question we must ask ourselves is

B. Do we have sufficient motivation to overcome such sins?

Are there motives strong enough to persuade us to want to say "No" to besetting sins? I believe there are, and they can be classified into three categories: (1) motives related to ourselves; (2) motives related to others; and (3) motives related to God. Let us look at these for a few moments.