

- c. Our besetting sins convince non-Christians that God does not have the power to deliver them from their sins (after all, if He can't deliver us from our sins, they how can He deliver them?).
- d. Our besetting sins, by decreasing our trust in God's promises and reducing our prayers to one-sided conversations or ineffective emergency calls, withhold help or blessing that could come to others through our prayers.
- e. Our besetting sins, by darkening our understanding of Scripture, withhold help or blessing that could come to others through our proclaiming or teaching or sharing the truth of God's Word.
- f. Our besetting sins, by eroding our desire for the church and its services, withhold the influence of our life and testimony from fellow believers, both in individual interaction and in corporate worship.
- g. Our besetting sins, by impairing our desire for and effectiveness in witnessing, withhold the gospel from those around us who are lost and perishing and without hope.
- h. Our besetting sins, by causing us to retrogress in sanctification, have a detrimental effect on other believers who may be struggling with similar sins, and on non-Christians who are looking for reality in our profession of the operation of God's saving grace in our lives.
- i. Our besetting sins, by diminishing our assurance of salvation, make us uncertain and tentative in our walk and our witness, and thus send a confused message to both fellow believers and a watching world.
- j. Our besetting sins, especially those openly perceived as contrary to our own standards, give occasion to the enemies of God to denounce and ridicule Christianity, with the result that others may be influenced to reject it.