

Is continuance in our besetting sins really worth it, considering all the negative consequences to others that flow from them?

3. Are there motives relevant to God that are strong enough to overcome ungodliness and worldly passions? If so, what are they?

Permit me to mention just a few.

- a. Do we doubly belong to God by virtue of creation and redemption?

Are we His? Do our bodies belong to Him? Have we not been bought with a precious price? Do not our eyes and ears and lips and tongue and hands and feet and every other part of our bodies belong to Him?

If so, then doesn't He have the right to tell us how to use our bodies?

Do our spirits belong to Him? Don't our minds and emotions and conscience and will belong to Him? Then doesn't He have the right to tell us how to use our faculties and powers, especially in relation to righteousness and sin?

Is this not a strong motivation to persuade us to want to overcome besetting sins?

- b. Are we totally dependent on God for physical life and health and breath and heartbeat and strength to work, and for the provision for our needs?

Has God not been faithful in providing for our physical and spiritual needs? Has He not given us strength and courage to go on in spite of our many failures and disappointments? Has He not made our beds in times of sickness and suffering, and restored us on countless occasions? Has He not rescued us from the destructive consequences of our decisions and actions times without number?