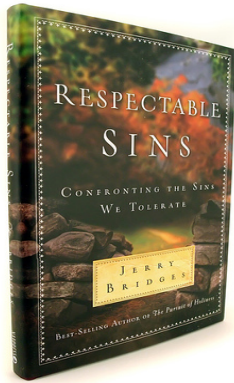


Discipleship Class: Respectable Sins

Teachers: Josh Berrus & Kevin Jones

In this class we will carefully examine the most common overlooked and pervasive sins we encounter and succumb to on a daily basis. Join us on this 8-week journey which will challenge and encourage us to examine our thoughts and actions more closely.



Text

Bridges, Jerry. *Respectable Sins: Confronting the Sins We Tolerate*. Colorado Springs: NavPress, 2007.

Themes

General ungodliness defined as a sinful attitude towards God

Anxieties and frustrations

Discontentment

Unthankfulness

Pridefulness revealed specifically in self-righteousness, even in a pursuit of theological accuracy, in prideful motives behind our achievements and revealed in a spirit of independence

Selfishness with our interests, time, money and inconsiderableness

Lack of self-control in eating, drinking and temperament, finances, entertainment and shopping

Impatience and irritability

Anger, even anger towards God, and the underlying roots of anger in resentment, bitterness, enmity, hostility and holding grudges

Judgmentalism and a critical spirit over differing convictions and doctrinal disagreements

Envy, jealousy, competitiveness and being controlling

The sins of the tongue like gossip, slander, lying, harsh words, sarcasm, insults and ridicule

Worldliness shown financially, by our idolatry and in "vicarious immorality," that is, the enjoyment of watching or reading the sinfulness of others.

Class Outline

March 28	Session 1	Chapters 1-3 (Understanding Sin) JB
April 4 (Easter)	No Class	
April 11	Session 2	Chapters 4-6 (Remedy for Sin) KJ
April 18	Session 3	Chapters 7 & 10 (Ungodliness & Unthankfulness) JB
April 25	Session 4	Chapters 8-9 (Anxiety, Frustration, Discontentment) KJ
May 2 (Picnic)	No Class	
May 9	Session 5	Chapters 11-12 (Pride & Selfishness) JB
May 16	Session 6	Chapters 14-16 (Impatience, Irritability & Anger) KJ
May 23	Session 7	Chapters 17 & 19 (Judgmentalism & Sins of Tongue) JB
May 30	Session 8	Chapters 13, 18, 20 (Self-Control, Envy, Worldliness) KJ

Recommended Books:

Bridges, Jerry. *Respectable Sins: Confronting the Sins We Tolerate*. Colorado Springs: NavPress, 2007. (Class Textbook).

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Plantinga, Cornelius, Jr. *Not the Way It's Supposed to Be: A Breviary of Sin*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1995.

Sproul, R.C. *The Holiness of God*. Wheaton: Tyndale, 1998.

Tozer, A.W. *The Knowledge of the Holy*. Waynesboro, GA: Authentic, 2008.