

The Remedy for Respectable Sins

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For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. Romans 8:13

I. Tools for the Job

- Scripture
- Prayer
- Humility
- Each Other
- ask for others

II. Signposts for the Journey

1. Be Patient and Persistent

2. In the Right Strength

3. With the Right Method

4. With the Right Heart

5. Become Deeply Rooted in the majesty God instead of a self improvement mindset

III. The Gospel thru the wide scope is how we become rooted in God

Romans 1:1–6 (ESV)

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ² which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, ³ concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴ and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵ through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, ⁶ including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ.

IV. Some Final Suggestions

-Preach the gospel to yourself frequently.

-start each day with it

-Diligently Pray (against apathy, sinful patterns, understanding of who God is, etc)

-Self Diagnose (c.f., Bridges, *Respectable Sins*)

- Appropriate sense of guilt from our sins
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- Appropriate understanding of grace produces assurance of forgiveness
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- This assurance frees us up to deal with our sin and gives us the desire/gratitude to do so

Disclaimer: We will not find a simple formula to deal with sin. These ideas are mentioned only as starting points to help us begin the journey.