

# CHARACTERISTICS OF SIN




**SIN DEFINED:** Sin is any personal lack of conformity to the moral character of God, or the law of God.



You Sin by... (1) **Thinking Evil** (commission) | (2) **Speaking Evil** (commission) | (3) **Acting Evil** (commission) | (4) **Omitting Good** (omission)

## 1 Sin is **DEFILING**

**1Ki.8:38; Zc.3:3; 11:8; Ti.1:15** 


- In **1 Kings 8:38**, sin in man's heart is compared to ugly, oozing sores from a deadly plague.
- 🔔 “To the pure all things are pure, but to those who are defiled and unbelieving nothing is pure; but even their mind and conscience are defiled” (**Ti.1:15**)
- Even the divinely granted mechanism to cause them to do right is defiled. Even their warning system is broken.

## 2 Sin is **REBELLION**

**Lv.26:27; Je.44:17** 


- **Leviticus 26:27** says, “Walking contrary to God.” Sin is walking in constant opposition to God
- Sin establishes a life of rebellion. Sin would not only unthrone God but ungod God, and replace Him with us.

## 3 Sin is **INGRATITUDE**

**Lk.17:11-19; Ro.1:21** 

- 🔔 “because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.” (**Ro.1:21**)
- It is like the nine lepers who were healed by Jesus and never came back to say thanks. Sin is ungrateful.

## 4 Sin is **HARD WORK**

**Is.5:18; Je.9:4-5; Ps.7:14; Pr.4:16; Ja.1:15** 

- People work hard at sinning successfully. Sin will not let them stop. Sin is literally motivated to death.
- 🔔 “Woe to those who draw iniquity with cords of vanity, And sin as if with a cart rope” (**Is.5:18**)
- They are like an ox hooked to a cart load of sin, and they drag it around everywhere.



## 5 Sin is **INCURABLY FATAL**

**Je.13:23; Ek.18:4; Ro.6:23** 

- 🔔 “For the wages of sin is death” (**Ro.6:23**)
- A man cannot do anything about his sin, because his heart is deceitful above all things.
- There is no way the sinner can expiate his sin even in Hell. That is why Hell lasts forever. It does not expiate his sin.
- Sin will kill him physically as it has killed him spiritually, and it will ultimately kill him eternally.