

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN MAKING A MISTAKE AND COMMITTING A SIN

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(1st Corinthians 10:13)

WISDOM NOTE:

Many people believe making a mistake is the same thing as committing a sin. It is **NOT** the same thing. Making a mistake can **LEAD** you into committing a sin. However, making a mistake **DOES NOT** hold the same weight as committing a sin.

People make mistakes due to human error. People commit sins because they made a **CONSCIOUS CHOICE**. If you reduce a sin to the level of a mistake you will keep sinning. God does not penalize you for making mistakes. He penalizes you for committing a sin.

In order to understand the difference between making mistakes and committing sins remember this wisdom key.

MISTAKES HAPPEN BY ACCIDENT. COMMITTING SINS ARE DELIBERATE.

The origin of sin comes from the root of temptation. Every sin committed is presented on the plate of temptation.

The things that tempt you are the things that interest you.

Majority of the sins you commit comes from the things you **ENJOY** doing. For example, people commit sexual sins because they **ENJOY** having sex.

Unlike a mistake, sin gives you the option to choose.

Being presented with a temptation forces you to **THINK FIRST** and **ACT SECOND**. Making a mistake forces you to **ACT FIRST** and **THINK SECOND**.

Anytime you have the opportunity to **THINK FIRST** the consequences of your decisions will be **GREATER** if you choose what is wrong. God told you in 1st Corinthians 10:13 that He would not let you be tempted beyond what

you can bear. Every temptation presented to you is something you have the power to resist. Never forget this phrase. **TEMPTATION LEADS PEOPLE INTO SIN.**

THE PRESENCE OF TEMPTATION IS THE FRAGRANCE OF SIN!

The difference between committing a sin and making a mistake is understanding that sins can be **AVOIDED** while making mistakes are **UNAVOIDABLE**. Committing sins can be **AVOIDED** because it requires you to make **CONSCIOUS** decisions **BEFORE** committing to action. However, making mistakes are **UNAVOIDABLE** due to human frailty.

Human frailties **REMINDS** you that you need **HELP**. It does not matter how articulate you are, you will make **MISTAKES**. It does not matter how educated you are, you will make **MISTAKES**. It does not matter how careful you are, you will make the **MISTAKES**.

God **NEVER** said He will judge your mistakes. He said He will judge your sins. (Reference Romans 2:5-6) God is not going to hold you accountable for making human errors. However, He will hold you accountable for committing sins. Why? Because committing a sin is deciding to make a **CONSCIOUS CHOICE**.

WHEN ARE EXCUSES ACCEPTABLE?

When you commit a sin God is **NOT** interested in your excuses. He is interested in **FORGIVENESS**. The only time excuses are accepted is when mistakes are made.

For example, if you made the mistake of not turning the kitchen light off you can justify why you made the mistake. Mistakes are **MEANT** to be justified because they are **UNAVOIDABLE**.

Your excuses carry no weight when you commit a sin. God has given you the tools to **AVOID** committing sins. The

Lord has given us the Holy Spirit, His Word, Spiritual mentors and lady Wisdom. God has removed every excuse from us for committing sins.

If you find yourself committing a sin **DO NOT** talk to God with the spirit of pride and make an excuse for what you did. **HUMBLE YOURSELF!** Admit your flaws. Ask for forgiveness and move on. Take heed to this word for it shall save your soul.

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