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*I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD – Psalm 122:1*

**The Northside church of Christ**

**25 Greenfield Pike, Hillsboro Oh. 45133 Ph. 937-393-3634**

**Visitors Welcomed!**

**Order of Services**

**Sunday**

**Bible Study ..... 9:30 am**

**Worship Service ..... 10:30 am & 5:00 pm**

**Wednesday**

**Bible Study ..... 7:00 pm**

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Evangelist: Guillermo Alvarez

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**And Pray For One Another – James 5:16**

Please keep in your prayers those who are having physical troubles and those who are traveling. Also pray for the brethren that are shut-in:

**Remember in your prayers:**

**The Prayer Offered In Faith Will Restore  
The One Who Is sick – James 5:15**

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The  
New  
**Northside Proclaimer**

**“What We Have... Heard We Proclaim To You...”**

**1 John 1:3**

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Welcome to the Northside Church of Christ

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**The Mathematics of Sin**

**Paul R. Blake**

**Desire + Focus = Inordinate desire (lust)**

It is not a sin to have desire. Desire is a healthy motivator (Ecc. 2:1-11). However, when one focuses intently and at length on the object of his desire, desire grows out of proportion and often out of control. At that point it becomes inordinate desire or lust.

**Desire + Opportunity = Temptation**

Remove one factor from this equation and there is no temptation. One is not truly tempted if he has desire but no opportunity to fulfill it. He is not tempted when he has opportunity but no interest in the matter. Temptation arises when one has both the interest or desire and the opportunity to engage his desire. Furthermore, it is not a sin to be tempted; it is a sin to succumb to temptation.

**Temptation + Action = Sin**

When one combines temptation with action (mental, verbal, or physical), his desire has developed into sin. Sin does not exist in the absence of action.

**Sin + Repetition = Reprobate Mind**

Sin that is one persists in over time becomes embedded in the heart and mind to the point that it is virtually impossible to remove. One develops a debased mind that cannot feel the pangs of sorrow over sin, and consequently never repent.

**Sin - (Repentance + Right Conduct) = Death**

One who does not repent of his sins and bring forth fruits that demonstrate repentance is spiritually dead, and he will partake of the second death in Perdition after the Judgment.

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## Mark These People

### *Bill Hall*

Quickly now - What type of people are to be marked by Christians according to the scriptures? Those who cause divisions and offenses contrary to Christ's doctrines? Yes, for so we are taught in Romans 16:17.

There is another type of person to be marked, however. "Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample" (Philippians 3:17 KJV). The word "mark" is not synonymous with the word "withdraw." According to W.E. Vine, the word means "to look at, behold, watch, contemplate." Those who are evil, then, are to be marked and avoided; while those who walk in God's way are to be marked and followed.

**Godly elders should be marked.** Elders are to be examples to the flock (I Peter 5:3). They are to be men whose character is above reproach, who rule their own house well, who are hospitable, and whose sound teaching can convict the gainsayers. We know such elders, and their example is priceless. Even after such men have passed on, they are to be remembered: "Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow (a similar word to mark-BH), considering the outcome of their conduct" (Hebrews 13:7). Thank God for godly elders; mark them and follow their good example.

**Godly women should be marked.** If there are women in the congregation who stand out for their piety and humility, whose major attractiveness is their "meek and quiet spirit," who have adorned themselves with good works, who love their husband and children, who find joy and contentment in being a wife and mother and keeper at home, who feel no resentment toward their position of subjection to man, who have devoted their lives to doing God's will - and there are such women in every congregation - then mark these godly women and follow their example. In these days when the women's liberation movement is affecting so many and actually intimidating many women who want to do right, it is wonderful to have godly women in the church who are able to lead the way and provide a role model for other women who are Christians. Thank God for godly women; mark them and follow their example.

**Godly preachers should be marked.** Not all preachers are godly, but most of the gospel preachers of our acquaintance are godly men whose lives speak as effectively as do their lips. They do their work, not as hirelings, but as men concerned for the truth and the souls of men and women. Mark such men and follow their example!

**Godly parents, godly young people, godly older people, godly suffering people, godly dying people - the godly faithful!** How sad that some are so blinded by the faults of the few that they cannot see the virtues of the many. Good people are all around us. Let's look for them, contemplate their good qualities, mark them, and follow their example.

## Sunday Morning Lesson

**Topic:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**How can I apply this lesson to my life?** \_\_\_\_\_

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