

THE SECRET SINS

1. Text: Psalm 19:7-13
2. Notice verse 12: "Cleanse me from secret or hidden faults."
3. Scripture often refers to obvious, observed actions as sins, but it also goes below the surface and deals with the secret sins we commit. It is necessary for us to know and handle those sins.

I. **They Are Facts Of Life.**

1. Secret sins are real and cannot be overlooked or dismissed.
2. Isaiah 47:10 You have said, "No one sees me."
3. Isaiah 29:15 "Who sees? Who knows?"
4. Ginger's jump on the coach.
5. Rationalizations:

II. **They Are Relative.**

1. Secret includes those of the heart but also those few know of.
2. Secret? Moving target. How secret?
3. II Kings 17:9 Secretly the people built high places against the Lord.
4. Ephesians 5:12 Shame to speak what is done by them in secret.
5. II Peter 2:1 False teachers who secretly bring in destructive heresies.
6. Application:

III. **They Are Destructive To Our Souls.**

1. Secret sins eat like cancer at our moral and spiritual nature.
2. They create hypocrisy.
3. They cause us to lead double lives.
4. They make us think badly of others.
5. They allow us to think we're smarter than others.
6. They pervert our thinking (former preacher).
7. Ezekiel 8:12 They worship idols in the dark saying, "The Lord doesn't see us."
8. Psalm 101:5 Whoever secretly slanders his neighbor I will destroy.
9. Matthew 5:27-28 Adulterous thinking
10. I John 3:15 If you hate your brother, you're a murderer.

IV. **They Are Certain To Be Exposed.**

1. That which is meant to be hidden will be made known. Count on it.
2. II Samuel 12:12 To David: You did it secretly, but I will do this before all Israel.
3. Psalm 90:8 The concealed will be seen in the light of God's countenance.
4. Luke 8:17 Nothing secret will not be revealed.
5. Matthew 6:4,18 The Father who sees in secret will reward you.
6. Apply:

V. **They Are To Be Defeated.**

1. Jeremiah 23:24 Can anyone hide himself in secret places so I shall not see him?
2. Psalm 32:5 I acknowledged my sin; I have not hidden sin; I confessed them; you forgave them.
3. Proverbs 28:13 He who covers his sins will not prosper; whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy.
4. Issues: God's own presence; the light of truth (John 8:32); the voice of conscience; vigilance (Proverbs 4:23)

Conclusion:

