

7 STEPS TO SIN

1. **Temptation** - (James 1:14-15) begins in the spirit realm - first as thoughts. Recognize thought as a temptation. Tell it to leave.
2. **Drawn Away** - (Lured from safety of self-restraint by strong imagination (2 Corinthians 10:5). There is something evil in that thought we like...
3. **Lust** - You begin to think about it. It is a strong desire, craving, a delight in viewing the evil that the thought represents. Lust can be anything that appeals to our exaltation of self over others. It is in us! But it is not our sin yet!
4. **Enticed** - lured into a trap. Satan sets traps we don't recognize. Example: Friends gossiping about someone else. You are drawn into the gossip because you want to be in the know. You've been lured in. Fear-fear about tomorrow what if the dryer breaks? Projecting that something will go wrong. You are not in faith but in fear. They work in groups and communicate with each other the kingdom of darkness.
5. **Lust Conceived** - This is the yielding of our will! You are in labor. The process of birthing the sin has started.
6. **Sin** - The sinful act is committed. This is the bringing forth or the birth. We have said "I hate you," or we have now done it; "spread the gossip"! We have become one with the sin in our heart. It is our sin now!
7. **Death** - Spiritual death. The ultimate result of sin is death and separation.