



1. Cultivate \_\_\_\_\_ (v.1a)

**Luke 17:1** And he said to his disciples, "Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! **2** It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin. (ESV)

2. Learn \_\_\_\_\_ (v.1b)

3. Don't \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.1c-2)

# Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **1 John 2:3-6**. What are some of the popular myths about Christianity that are dispelled by the truths in this passage?
2. Read **Psalms 50:18-21** and **Malachi 1:6-14**. What are some of the symptoms found in these two texts that show a person may be deceived about knowing and loving God? How does this happen?
3. Read **Matthew 16:21-23**. Peter certainly would have confessed that he loved Christ, yet his "love" was obviously not informed by the clear statements of the Scriptures regarding the Father's path laid out for Jesus hundreds of years before his incarnation. What is the danger of relying on feelings of love when it comes to your relationship with Christ?
4. Read **1 Corinthians 8:9-13**. What are some of the modern "stumbling blocks" of words, actions, or activities that could end up being a "sin against your brother" as the "food offered to idols" was in their day?
5. Read **Psalms 119:104** and **Psalms 19:7-14**. Why is Bible study so essential in the Christian life? How can you increase or improve your biblical intake? How would you respond to someone who says you are too focused on the Bible?

## This Week's Bible Reading Schedule

### April 23<sup>rd</sup>

2Sam.7-9 & Lk.19:1-28

### April 24<sup>th</sup>

2Sam.10-12 & Lk.19:29-48

### April 25<sup>th</sup>

2Sam.13-14 & Lk.20:1-26

### April 26<sup>th</sup>

2Sam.15-16 & Lk.20:27-47

### April 27<sup>th</sup>

2Sam.17-18 & Lk.21:1-19

### April 28<sup>th</sup>

2Sam.19-20 & Lk.21:20-38

### April 29<sup>th</sup>

2Sam.21-22 & Lk.22:1-30

### April 30<sup>th</sup>

2Sam.23-24 & Lk.22:31-53

The following related sermons are also available for downloading or streaming on the Focal Point Website ([FocalPointMinistries.org](http://FocalPointMinistries.org)).

Msg. 14-07 – **Understanding Obedience as Christ Does**

Msg. 08-23 – **Sin & God's Necessary Aversion to It**

Msg. 07-33 – **Countercultural Christians: Sacrifice Instead of Selfishness**

Msg. 08-23 – **Sin & God's Necessary Aversion to It**

Msg. 11-15 – **Making the Most of Daily Bible Study**

Msg. 11-31 – 11-35 – **The Black & White on Gray Areas** (on not causing others to sin)

Msg. 11-22 – 11-24 – **Pursuing Holiness** (a three-part series)

## This Sermon's Social Media Hashtag

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Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

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