HOW TO PUT SIN
to death

IDENTIFY ANOTHER SIN AND REPEAT

HAVE I IDENTIFIED THE SIN I WANT TO PUT TO DEATH? — NO → *In order to defeat sin, I need to understand who my enemy is. What am I doing that is in rebellion against God?*

YES ↓

DO I HAVE CONFIDENCE THAT I HAVE BEEN SAVED? — YES → **IS MY SIN SERIOUS OR DEEP ROOTED?**

NO ↓

I need to seriously consider my salvation. Am I trusting in the finished work of Christ to forgive me or am I putting more stock in the things I do? There should be evidences of fruit in my life. If I am truly saved, I will not be habitually sinning. I will have had some victory.

IS MY SIN SERIOUS OR DEEP ROOTED? — YES ↓ — NO →

IS IT CONSISTENTLY EASIER TO SIN THAN DO WHAT'S RIGHT? — NO → *I will need to be especially vigilant and cry out to God with an extra measure of desperate faith.*

YES ←

DO I SEE MY SIN AS A WILLFUL ACT OF REBELLION AGAINST GOD? — YES → | NO →

I need to look to the cross and see what my sin has actually cost. I need to be heartbroken that the relationship between God and me has been severed. I need to stop minimizing and excusing my sin and be grieved that God has been offended by sin.

HAVE I FELT THE WEIGHT OF MY SIN AGAINST GOD? DO I HAVE A GODLY SORROW? — NO → *I need to consider that I am only concerned about my sin because of the shame it causes me and the consequences that come from my actions.*

YES ↓

DO I DESPERATELY WANT TO STOP SINNING? — NO →

YES ↓

DO I DESIRE GOD TO BE GLORIFIED IN ME? — NO → *I need to long for it. Pant for it. Cry out for it. Desire it. What am I putting in the place of God that I want to glorify instead? I need to find out what I am allowing to take God's place and steal his glory.*

YES ↓

IS THERE ANYTHING IN MY NATURE THAT AMPLIFIES OR DRIVES ME TO THIS SIN? — NO →

I need to understand that submitting to sin I am prone to is never an excuse. This should be further proof I can't depend on myself and need to rely fully on God. If I am more apt to sin in a specific area, I need to be all the more vigilant in that area.

DO I KNOW THE OCCASIONS AND SITUATIONS WHEN I AM MOST TEMPTED BY THIS SIN? — YES →

NO ↓

CAN I IDENTIFY PATTERNS THAT LEAD ME TO THIS SIN? — NO → | YES ↓

I need to be watching soberly for behaviors, moods, places, and people that lead me to sin. I need the help of friends and pastors to identify these patterns.

Great! Identifying patterns that precede sin are a way to avoid certain places, practices, and people so I will not be as apt to commit sin.

The very second I sense being tempted by sin, I need to enter into battle mode. I cannot allow myself to toy with or revel in sin. Not even a little.

DO I BATTLE MY SIN IMMEDIATELY? — NO → | YES ↓

HAVE I MEDITATED ON SCRIPTURE? — NO → *I need to search out the glory of God and humble myself before him. I cannot think high thoughts of God and not be humbled about my sin.*

YES ←

DO I EXPECT GOD TO GIVE ME VICTORY? — NO → *God has promised us victory over sin. He has provided every necessary resource to give me peace. I need to trust that God will be faithful.*