

Hi, I'm Crawford Loritts with a Legacy Moment.

You know, I'll never forget the day I heard on the news that a prominent Christian leader had been living in adultery for many months. My heart sank. I know the man. I began praying for repentance and healing in his life and for his family. But I was also hit by the realization that because of his prominence the credibility of Christianity was once more called into question by non-Christians.

The point I want to make is simply this: *what we do affects others*. There is no such thing as a private relationship with God, and therefore there's no such thing as private sin. The Bible is very concerned about our reputation—what we ought to be and how we ought to present ourselves to other people.

Listen to these straightforward, bottom-line, searing words from the Apostle Paul. In 1 Corinthians chapter 15 verse 34, he says; “Become sober-minded as you ought, and stop sinning, for some have no knowledge of God; I speak this to your shame.”

In other words he says, “Why are you sinning? What are you doing? Stop sinning.” If you are struggling with hidden sin in your life please do the three things outlined in this verse. First of all, wake up. He says to become sober-minded. Look at yourself. Pay attention. Don't think that you are hiding things. Smell the coffee. Look at what time of day it is spiritually, and wake up. Secondly, he says to forsake your sin. Stop sinning. Turn from it. Repent of it. Then thirdly, he says to represent God, because some have no knowledge of God. What you are doing is marring the credibility of Christianity. “Don't do that,” he says.

Here's what I want you to remember today. It's not just our own personal fulfillment and our own private sin. What we do matters.