

## Besetting Sins

(Hebrews 12:1-2)

- Introduction:
1. We don't frequently use the word, "beset" so it probably needs defining.
  2. "Beset" means to ensnare, entangle, or to cling.
  3. One thing we all can understand because we have experienced it, is that we all struggle with besetting sins.
  4. However, we can't just give up...our identity and usefulness to the Lord is at stake.
  5. Let's consider some things we can do to overcome these besetting sins.

### I. Never Become Comfortable with Sin

- A. Don't allow familiarity to normalize the sin.
- B. (Romans 6:14).
- C. (Psalm 66:18).
- D. (Romans 12:9).
- E. There is more evil in the least sin than in the greatest calamity.

### II. Make No Provision for Sin

- A. (Romans 13:14).
- B. Change your behavior and thought patterns.
- C. (Philippians 4:8; Proverbs 23:7).
- D. (Matthew 5:29).

### III. Thank God for His Love and Forgiveness

- A. The more we know of God, the more we love him, and the more we love him, the less we sin.
- B. Our misery with these besetting sins is overcome by Jesus Christ.
- C. (Romans 7:14-25).

- Conclusion:
1. You're not alone.
  2. We all struggle with sins that beset us.
  3. However, there's hope.
  4. We can do better and because of God's love, there is forgiveness in Christ Jesus.