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KILLER SINS

The sinful form
of "I Crave" (3)

KILLER SINS...

YOU CAN IGNORE KILLER SINS, IF YOU WANT...

BUT KILLER SINS WILL NOT IGNORE YOU.
THEY WILL KILL YOU. **FOREVER.**

(You won't be "Resting in **Peace**.")

We can have **HOPE!**

There is HOPE in Jesus!

But now you are free from the power of
sin and have become slaves of God.
Now you do those things that lead to
holiness and result in eternal life.

Romans 6:22 (NLT)

Examples of "I CRAVE"

... as a "KILLER SIN" ...

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We already looked at:

Two examples:

DESIRING / CRAVING / LUSTING FOR ...

1. Someone you are not married to (sexual lust).
2. Wealth, money, possessions, etc.

★ These **SINFUL CRAVINGS** could be
considered corruptions or distortions
of something **GOOD**. ★

SINFUL		NOT SINFUL
[A <u>DISTORTION</u> OF THE GOOD]		[WHAT GOD INTENDED]
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Desiring someone you are <u>NOT</u> married to (sexual lust). • Craving wealth, money, possessions, etc. 	<div style="font-size: 2em;">➡</div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Desiring someone you ARE married to. The Bible gives examples of wealth as a blessing from God.

★ There are other **SINFUL CRAVINGS** that have **NO GOOD** counterpart for them. ★

As seen by our third example:

DESIRING / CRAVING / LUSTING FOR ...

3. EVIL, in its many forms.

? DO PEOPLE **REALLY** CRAVE EVIL? ?

YES – Very much so!

But they don't always **recognize** it as evil.

The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, ...

2 Cor. 4:4a (NIV)

To **clearly** recognize evil, we need "renewed" minds.

★ **This requires the Word of God.** ★

THE
UNSAVED

... their minds and their consciences are corrupted.

Titus 1:15b (GW)

THE
CHANGE

... be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

Romans 12:2b (NIV)

THE
RESULTS

"I will put my teachings in their hearts and write them in their minds."

Hebrews 10:16b (GW)

HELPFUL HINT!!

WHEN YOU READ
about an example
of sinful craving...



ALSO PAY ATTENTION
to the type of person
who does it!

★ **IT WON'T BE SOMEONE WHO LOVES GOD!!!** ★

Such verses
show us how
NOT to live!

I SURE DON'T
WANT TO BE
LIKE THAT!!



Example: **CRAVING VIOLENCE.**

{ = A SPECIFIC
TYPE OF EVIL }

... those who are treacherous **crave** violence.

Proverbs 13:2b (NLT)

- ✓ **TYPE OF SINFUL CRAVING:** Craving **violence**.
- ✓ **TYPE OF PERSON WHO DOES IT:** A **treacherous** person.

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WANT TO BE
LIKE THAT!!



Example: **CRAVING EVIL.**

{ = THE GENERAL
CONCEPT OF EVIL }

The wicked man **craves** evil;
his neighbor gets no mercy from him.

Proverbs 21:10 (NIV)

- ✓ **TYPE OF SINFUL CRAVING:** Craving **evil**.
- ✓ **TYPE OF PERSON WHO DOES IT:** A **wicked** person.

NOT LIKE THIS,
EITHER!!



Old Testament Israel craved evil.

God warns us to pay attention to their example... and do the opposite!

These things have become **examples for us** so that we won't desire what is evil, as they did.

1 Cor. 10:6 (GW)

Scripture also describes their punishment...

These things were written down as **a warning for us** who are living in the closing days of history.

1 Cor. 10:11b (GW)

Example:

DOING WHAT THE DEVIL DESIRES.

You are of your father the Devil, and you want to carry out your father's **desires**.

John 8:44a (HCSB)

✓ **TYPE OF SINFUL CRAVING:** Doing what the Devil desires.

✓ **TYPE OF PERSON WHO DOES IT:** A "child of the devil."

★ **These people were religious leaders... FAKES.** ★

It proves that "religion" does not protect us from being controlled by sin. We need to follow Jesus!



The **KEY ISSUE** is this:



You might not even know you're doing evil, if you don't find out what the Bible says!



ARE YOU WILLING TO FIND OUT?



★ **EVIL** – It's not just the "BIG" issues ... ★

• **YOU** might call this a "big issue" (evil).

>> BUT <<

• **HE** might call it "Doing a good thing."

(He does not recognize what the Bible says about EVIL).



I'M GOING TO BLOW UP A BUS LOAD OF UNBELIEVERS.

GOD WILL BE PLEASED WITH ME!

★ **EVIL** – It's also the "little" issues! ★

• **Consider** some of the "little" things that Israel did... which Paul describes as "**EVIL**"... and worthy of death.

We shouldn't put the Lord to the test as some of them did. They were killed by snakes.

Don't complain as some of them did. The angel of death destroyed them.

1 Cor. 10:9-10 (GW)

DO YOU...

QUESTION what God is doing in your life?

COMPLAIN when things don't go your way?

IF SO...

Do you deserve a better judgment than they?

THIS WEEK:

Are you craving violence? Evil?
Other things that are sinful?

You can't know for certain without the Bible!

== == == == **SO YOU NEED TO ASK...** == == == ==

In what ways are you using the Bible to define your perspective on these matters?

What is your attitude toward violence and evil?

- ✓ **First**, you need to find out how the Bible defines these issues.
- ✓ **Then**, you need to look at:
 - ... the types of thoughts that fill your mind,
 - ... the types of activities that fill your life,
 - ... the way you use your "free" time,
 - ... your choice of entertainment, television, computer games, etc.

To get an honest answer to this question, you need to look beyond your "official" answer.

What is your attitude toward "little" forms of evil?

SUCH AS...

- ✓ **Questioning** God's wisdom; perhaps suggesting how he should do things...
- ✓ **Complaining** about circumstances, or people, or the weather, or anything else that doesn't go your way...
- ✓ **Other types of evil** we haven't mentioned... "Little" lies; not honoring one's parents; etc.

As always, you need to first find out how the Bible defines these issues.

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