



# What Is The Sin That Leads To Death?

Episode #150

## Introduction

### I. Today's Question

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Because we are human, we continue to sin. This fact is obviously concerning to us, especially since we are warned that there is a sin that leads to death.

### II. Attitudes About Sin

- a. Believers can fall into a trap where we take forgiveness for granted.
- b. A diminished view of forgiveness leads to a trivialization of our sin.

### III. A Difficult Passage

#### Scripture 1 John 5:16

If anyone sees his brother sinning a sin *which does not lead* to death, he will ask,

and He will give him life for those who commit sin not *leading* to death. There is sin *leading* to death. I do not say that he should pray about that.

- a. **Because he refers to a “brother,” this is an issue for believers.**
- b. **There is a delineation between sin and sin that leads to death.**
- c. **Sin that leads to death is the willful, continuing unrepentant sin in a person’s life.**

#### IV. Crossing the Line

- a. **There appears to be a line with God concerning sin in believers’ lives.**
- b. **The scriptures record the stories of those who crossed that line with God.**

##### Scripture Acts 5:1-10

<sup>1</sup> But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession. <sup>2</sup> And he kept back *part* of the proceeds, his wife also being aware *of it*, and brought a certain part and laid *it* at the apostles’ feet. <sup>3</sup> But Peter said, “Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back *part* of the price of the land for yourself? <sup>4</sup> While it remained, was it not your own? And after it was sold, was it not in your own control? Why have you conceived this thing in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God.” <sup>5</sup> Then Ananias, hearing these words, fell down and breathed his last. So great fear came upon all those who heard these things. <sup>6</sup> And the young men arose and wrapped him up, carried *him* out, and buried *him*. <sup>7</sup> Now it was about three hours later when his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. <sup>8</sup> And Peter answered her, “Tell me whether you sold the land for so much?” She said, “Yes, for so much.” <sup>9</sup> Then Peter said to her, “How is it that you have agreed together to test the Spirit of the Lord? Look, the feet of those who have buried your husband *are* at the door, and they will carry you out.” <sup>10</sup> Then immediately she fell down at his feet and breathed her last. And the young men came in and found her dead, and carrying *her* out, buried *her* by her husband.

##### Scripture 1 Corinthians 11:30

For this reason many *are* weak and sick among you, and many sleep.

- c. **It is possible to cross the line with God with our ongoing unrepentant sin.**

#### **IV. Understanding the Passage**

- a. This passage addresses the issue of praying for those who are in sin.**
- b. We are to pray for a brother who is caught up in sin.**
- c. The phrase “He will give him life” reflects that God will answer that prayer.**
- d. For the unrepentant sinner, John does not say that we should pray for him.**

#### **Conclusion**