

# What About ... Sin as a Perversion of something Good?

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The **first** thing we need to know about sin is its definition:

**Sin is anything contrary to the character of God (Romans 3:23)**

The **second** thing we need to know about sin is its function:

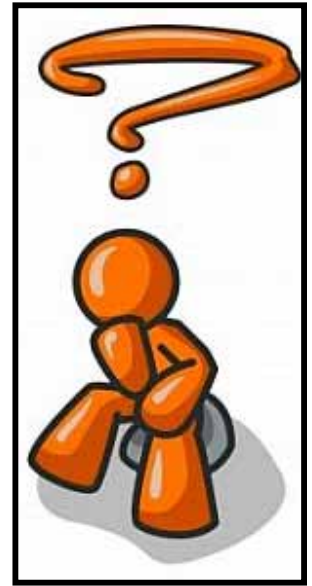
**Sin is a perversion of something good (Genesis 6:5-6)**

Good and evil are not coequal opposites, as taught by the pantheistic ying/yang theory. Good is a noun and evil is an adjective. Sin always modifies something good. I can't have a broken arm unless I have an arm. There is no divorce without marriage, no sickness without health, no murder without life, no homosexuality without sexuality. So all sin or evil is a perversion.

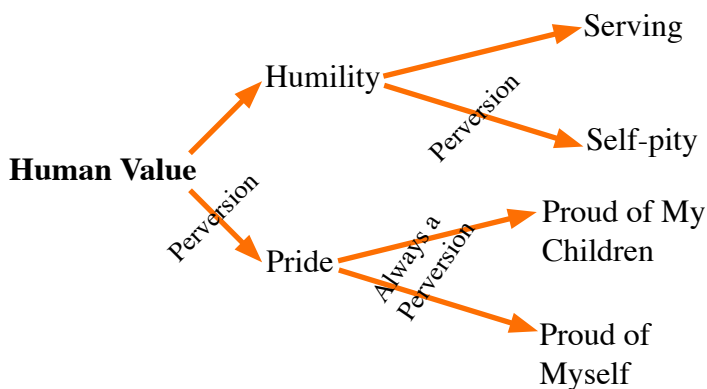
The **third** thing to understand about sin is its application:

**Good can always be perverted, but a perversion can never be good (Isaiah 1)**

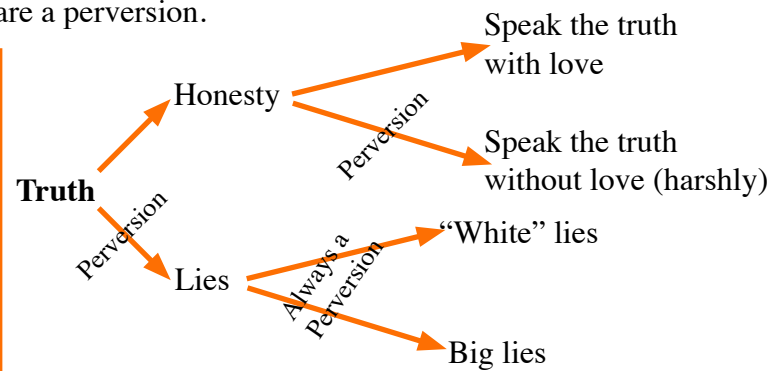
Any application of God's creation can be either a virtue or a perversion. And any good application can be changed into a perversion. But there is no such thing as a good perversion. Once perversion has taken place, all applications of it are a perversion.



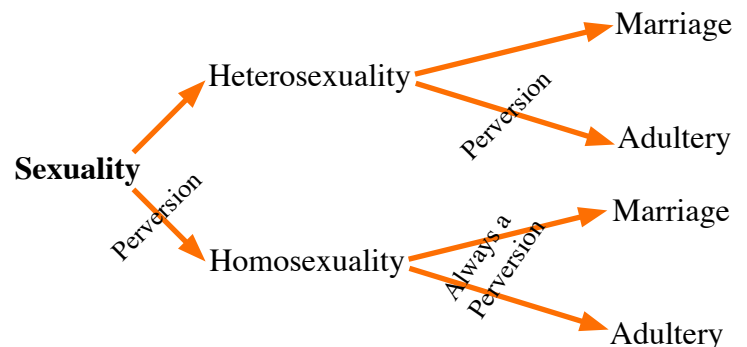
For example, a good application of **Human Value** is humility because humility says that our value is dependent upon God. A perverted application is pride (James 4:6), which says we have value independent of God. Any application of pride is sinful because pride is always sinful. Humility is a good application of human value. But that, too, can be perverted into self-pity or self-service rather than serving others.



It's the same with **Truth**. Lies of any kind are a perversion (John 8:44). A good application is honesty. But that, too, can be perverted into speaking the truth harshly, without love.



It's the same with **Sexuality**. Heterosexuality is a good application. Homosexuality is a sinful perversion (Matthew 19:4-5). So all forms of homosexuality are a perversion. But heterosexuality can also be sinfully perverted into adultery, fornication, pornography, etc.



God's creation can be applied virtuously or perverted into sin. A perversion is always a perversion but a virtue is only a virtue if it is not also perverted.