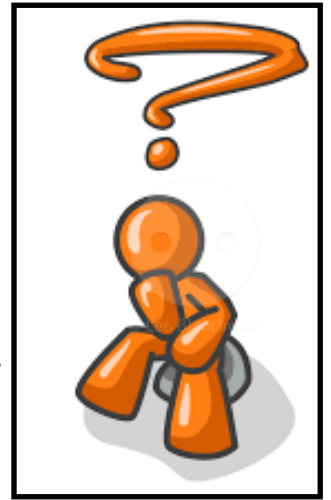


# What About ... Secret Sins

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Today, with computers and the Internet, there are many opportunities for secret sins. We are able to view and even participate in pornography and virtual brutality. We can be married, yet flirt with someone of the opposite sex who is not our spouse, take part in other non-Christian religions like Buddhism, use filthy language, talk to psychics, etc. Because we are alone, in the privacy of our homes, we act as if somehow these sins are secret, hidden from others, and even hidden from God.



## Nothing New

Secret sins are not new. Since the beginning of time and the very first sin, we have sought to hide or keep our sin a secret from God. After eating the forbidden fruit, Adam and Eve **“heard the sound of the Lord walking in the garden...and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord”** (Genesis 3:8-11). After David’s adultery with Bathsheba (and the murder of her husband), Nathan the prophet of God told David, **“Why have you despised the word of the Lord by doing evil in His sight?...you did it secretly...”** (2 Samuel 12:9, 12). God said to Ezekiel, **“do you see what the elders of the house of Israel are committing in the dark, each man in the room of his carved images ...for they say, ‘The Lord does not see us...’”** (Ezekiel 8:12).

## It’s a Lie

The word “secret” means to hide or conceal. Its very nature is to lie. Jesus said that Satan **“... does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature; for he is a liar, and the father of lies”** (John 8:44). Not only does Satan want you to sin against God, but when you do it in secret, you are lying about your sin. You are doubling your sin.

## The Bible Says

But the Bible says there is no hiding our sin from God.

- **“...you have sinned against the Lord, and be sure your sin will find you out”** (Numbers 32:23).
- **“It is He who reveals the profound and hidden things; He knows what is in the darkness...”** (Daniel 2:22).
- **“For nothing is hidden, except to be revealed; nor has [anything] been secret, but that it should come to light”** (Mark 4:22; Luke 8:17).
- **“And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do”** (Hebrews 4:13).
- **“Where can I go from Thy Spirit? Or where can I flee from Thy presence? ...Even the darkness is not dark to Thee, and the night is as bright as the day. Darkness and light are alike to Thee”** (Psalm 139:7-12).
- **“‘Can a man hide himself in hiding places, so I do not see him?’ declares the Lord. ‘Do I not fill the heavens and the earth?’ declares the Lord”** (Jeremiah 23:24).
- **“Woe to those who deeply hide their plans from the Lord, and whose deeds are [done] in a dark place, and they say, ‘Who sees us?’ or ‘Who knows us?’”** (Isaiah 29:15).
- **“For His eyes are upon the ways of a man, and He sees all his steps”** (Job 34:21).
- **“God will judge the secrets of men...”** (Romans 2:16).

**There are no secrets from God.**