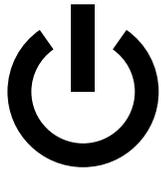


Speaker: Tiberius Rata

Title: Respectable Sins

Key Verses: Mark 1:14–15; John 16:8; 1 John 1:9; Romans 12:3

Summary: No sin is respectable; all sin requires confession and repentance.



Power Up: Take a moment to prepare

The Holy Spirit not only points out our sins but also points us toward the ideal: Christ-like character. Set the tone by reading [Galatians 5:22-23](#).



Replay: Take some time to watch

Note the flow of Tiberius's talk: **1)** defining sin; **2)** a biblical response to sin; **3)** identifying and responding to the "respectable" sins of pride, lack of self-control, anger, and sins of the tongue (gossip and slander).



Comment: Take some time to talk

How does the Bible define sin? What are the sins we rarely tolerate in the church? What are the sins we commonly tolerate?

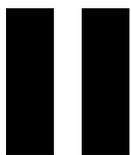
Tiberius says identifying sin is the Holy Spirit's job not ours. *What happens when we act like the sin police? How does the Spirit reveal sin to us?*

Pride and anger aren't "character flaws," Tiberius teaches. *What is the danger in seeing them this way? How does the Bible define them?*

What are examples of pride in your life? Where do you lack self-control? What causes you anger? How do you sin with your tongue?

What rule does Tiberius provide to keep from gossip and slander?

Read 1 John 1:9. *What happens when we confess sin? How often do we need to confess? Do you have an accountability partner?*



Pause: Take a moment to pray

Thank God for revealing His perfect character and law in the Bible. Thank Him for the forgiveness He offers because of Jesus's sacrifice. Ask Him for strength to win the battle of the mind. Ask Him to help us turn from all sin.



Take Action: Take a step forward

Identify the respectable sin you are most prone to commit. Use a Bible index or BibleGateway to research what God says about it. Confess the sin and share with a trusted friend your battle to build accountability.

Bonus Features | Additional Notes and Quotes from Tiberius Rata

Power Track Summary: It seems we've created a sliding scale where gossip, pride, slander, and anger comfortably exist within the church. This Power Track teaches how to confront the sins we tolerate. The material is adapted from Jerry Bridge's book by the same title.

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What is sin?

- Any lack of conformity to the moral character of God and His law.
- We sin by thinking evil → speaking evil → acting evil → omitting to do good.

"Before we say something evil or do something evil, we think something evil. That's why the battle is for the mind. In Hebrew thinking there was no divide between the heart and mind."

What to do with sin?

1) Identify sin (John 16:18); **2)** Confess the sin (1 John 1:9); **3)** Repent of sin (Mark 1:14-15)

Defining Pride: arrogance or delusions of greatness on account of one's achievements, status or possessions.

Identifying Pride: Do you assume you already know the content when someone is teaching? Do you see yourself as too good to perform certain tasks? Can you ask for help? Do you disregard the advice of others? Are you consistently critical?

Defining Self-control: "a governance or prudent control of one's desires, cravings, impulses, emotions, and passions."

"A life without self-control is like a car without breaks: an accident waiting to happen."

Identifying Lack of Self-control: Do I eat or drink too much? Do I have a hot temper? Do I spend more than I have? Do I spend a lot of time on devices and entertainment?

Defining Anger: a strong feeling of displeasure and antagonism accompanied by sinful emotions, words, and actions hurtful to those who are the objects of our anger.

Identifying Causes of Anger: We get angry when we don't get our way. We get angry when someone mistreats us. We get angry as a response to someone else's anger.

"Most pop psychology would say it is okay to be angry at God... In my judgment, this is sheer blasphemy. It is never okay to be angry at God. Anger is a moral judgment. And in the case of God, it accuses him of wrongdoing, of sinning against us or treating us unfairly." (Bridges)

Defining Gossip: spreading of unfavorable information about someone else (even if true)

Defining Slander: making a false statement or misrepresentation about another person that defames or damages the person's reputation.