

*"A man that is an heretic after the first and second admonition reject; Knowing that He That Is Such Is Subverted, And Sinneth, **Being Condemned Of Himself.**" Titus 3:10-11 KJV*



A heretic is someone who knows the Truth and persists in a lie. American pulpits are full of heretics and when we think of "heretic," we think of blatant opposition to God's Word; however, any disobedience/sin is heretical. Many are "closet" heretics who put on a good show by going to church and serving in the ministry, but secretly do as they please. Not to put too fine a point on it, but we have clear instructions concerning our thoughts. *"Abstain from ALL APPEARANCE of evil. Let this Mind (God's*

Word) be in you which was also in Christ Jesus. Whatsoever things are true...honest...just...pure...lovely...of good report; IF there be any virtue, and IF there be any praise, think on these things. Present your bodies a LIVING SACRIFICE unto God which is your REASONABLE service. And be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind." These well-known passages are often disobeyed. What you think is what you do. *"As he THINKETH in his heart, so is he."* Before you point the finger, pray, *"Search ME, O God, and know MY heart: try ME, and know MY THOUGHTS: And see if there be ANY wicked way in ME."* How many of us dwell on sinful thoughts and think nothing of it? How about, *"Meditate DAY AND NIGHT? Pray without ceasing?"* God's Word will police your mind if you think on it. Disobedience, whether open or hidden, is heresy if you know better. If sin has been pointed out to you more than once, whether by God or a person, you know, and you are a heretic of the second order! Obey God's Word whether you want to or not! Letting your flesh rule is sin. *"When lust (bodily desire) hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin."* We must eat or die, but gluttony is a sin. You may really want that second helping, but do you NEED it? Food is the downfall of many saints, myself included. I now battle type 2 diabetes, because I wasn't careful about how much and what I ate. It was never mentioned in the churches I attended and probably not in yours. The word "glutton" is only used twice in Scripture, but here is the definition: One who indulges to excess in eating. Excess is that which is beyond necessity. Salt is necessary for life, but overdo it and it will kill! Leading folks to believe you are obedient when you are not, makes you a heretic. We are quick to judge others, because we want to avoid scrutiny ourselves. If pride means more to you than your relationship with God, you are a heretic. *"Godly sorrow worketh (causeth) repentance."* Be sad you have grieved God, but resolve it quickly by repenting. *"If we confess our sins, He Is Faithful And Just To Forgive us our sins, and to Cleanse us from all unrighteousness."* Repentance is a return to obeying God's Word thereby confessing we have sinned. Faith is the attitude of repentance.

A heretic that won't repent,
Will often a rebuke resent,
Before you look to other men,
Be sure you have no hidden sin. -CGP

"But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ (the Mind of Christ), and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof." Until we are confident heresy hasn't found a hidden corner in our heart, we should ponder every criticism and rebuke. Your enemies tell you what your friends will not! Are you a closet heretic?

"If we say that we have fellowship with [God], and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the Truth: But if we walk in the Light, as He is in the Light, we have fellowship one with another, and the Blood of Jesus Christ His Son Cleanseth us from all sin." 1 John 1:6-7 KJV

