## Pleasant Valley Weekly

Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises! For God is the King of all the earth; Sing praises with understanding. (Psalm 47: 6—7)

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## **Removing Obstacles**

We all have obstacles in our lives, some we have control over and others we don't. The key is learning how to live with, deal with, go around, or simply remove them from the way.

Obstacles are defined as hindrances in our life and play a huge role in our dedication to God, the church, and even our own families. Each Christian needs to learn how to recognize them, how they affect us, and how to remove them.

Today we look at the obstacle of Little Sin. The idea of Little Sin has, and still is, cost man their souls. Think about how many Little Sins we overlook. We are just as guilty as those in the world that preach that God will overlook Little Sin.

I believe we feel that size matters. Or circumstances matter. The Proverb writer said, people overlook a man who steals when he is starving (Proverbs 6:30). And this is true today, and this can be found in the Church. Yet, understand what he said next, God will require restitution (6:31).

Ask yourself these questions. What sin will God overlook? What illusion have you found yourself under when understanding sin? How many Little Sins make up a big sin? Finally, if there is Little Sin, do you go to a different Hell?

Remove "Little Sin" from your life. Little Sin =  $\underline{\text{Sin}}$  in God's

## Removing Obstacles

Removing obstacles

The Goal: Taking away things which stand in the way and hinder our progress of serving God.

Little Sin

Little—small in size, importance; inconsiderable

Small—being of little weight or importance

Sin—whatever is contrary to God's command or law

Sin brings forth death

What sin? - All sin brings forth death

\* I John 5:16

What is sin that does not lead to death?

Sin that is repented of before death.

\* James and John agree

When you break even one command you commit lawlessness. Sin = Lawlessness

Who will be found on the outside?

\* Does size matter?

Not to God, then why us?

- \* The Bible says two truths about sin
  - 1) The wages of it is death 2) God hates it all