

**SIN HARDENS HEARTS: HOW CHRISTIANS PROTECT ONE ANOTHER**  
HEBREWS 3:1-19, 12:5-11 (ESV)

- I. When we \_\_\_\_\_ the same sin repetitiously—or consistently entertain the same \_\_\_\_\_—we are setting ourselves up for disaster.
- A. Repeated sin and unbelief...
1. Cultivates sinful ruts in our \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. Makes us prone to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ actions.
  3. \_\_\_\_\_ our consciences, so that we live according to the \_\_\_\_\_ of sin and the world.
- B. If this pattern is not interrupted, it leads to two potential results:
1. God's \_\_\_\_\_, leading the sinning Christian back to faith and repentance (Hebrews 12:5-11), or
  2. \_\_\_\_\_, demonstrating that the person was not a truly regenerate member of God's family.
- C. Because of \_\_\_\_\_ faithfulness, regenerate Christians will in time be \_\_\_\_\_ by their faith.

II. Because repeated sin and unbelief are dangerous, we need \_\_\_\_\_ awareness, exhortation, and encouragement.

A. The Holy Spirit, speaking through Scripture, is the only objective source we have for \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ sin and unbelief.

1. If we are to protect ourselves or others against repeated sin and unbelief, we must \_\_\_\_\_ and daily \_\_\_\_\_ with the Bible.

B. We need to develop Biblical awareness...

1. Of our own \_\_\_\_\_ of unbelief and sin.

2. Of one another's \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ with unbelief and sin.

C. Biblical exhortation: when we see others' repeated sin and unbelief, we must \_\_\_\_\_ them from \_\_\_\_\_.

D. Biblical encouragement: as we exhort one another, we remind one another of the hope of the Gospel, inviting \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.