

# The Me I Want To Be

Becoming God's Best Version of You

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## Chapters Thirteen and Fourteen

### Recognize Your Primary Flow-Blocker

1. True / False: "Individuals usually are very perceptive and can offer an accurate assessment of their own spiritual condition." (pg. 144-145)
2. Yes / No: The author thinks that the definition of sin, the seriousness of sin has been watered down in our day and in our culture.
3. What is "original sin?" (pg. 145-146)
  - a. The first sin you ever committed
  - b. The "sin stain" passed from Adam and Eve on to me and you through our parents.
  - c. The first sin ever committed by mankind.
4. Which early church father did not believe in original sin?
  - a. Augustine
  - b. Pelagius
5. In this chapter, the author uses the term " \_\_\_\_\_ " to refer to our own signature sin.
6. "We do not get tempted by that which repulses us...it starts close to home with the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ God wired into us and tries to pull them a few degrees off course." (pg. 147)
7. "We don't sin at random. Our sin takes a \_\_\_\_\_ ." (pg. 147)
8. "You are your own \_\_\_\_\_, your own biggest problem." (pg. 148)
9. Author Michael Mangis identified nine patterns of thought and behavior.
  - a. Reformers – have a deep love of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. Servers – love to be \_\_\_\_\_.
  - c. Achievers – love to conquer \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ before others.
  - d. Artists – love \_\_\_\_\_ and carry inside a strong desire to be \_\_\_\_\_.
  - e. Thinkers – like to \_\_\_\_\_ know everything.
  - f. Loyalist – like to be part of a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - g. Enthusiasts – are wired to be the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - h. Commanders – are created to understand \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
  - i. Peacemakers – have a natural love for \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

Discussion: What are the strengths and weaknesses of each?

10. What is the benefit of knowing your own “signature sin?” (pg. 155)

11. What is the benefit of knowing other people’s signature sin? (pg. 155)

**When You find Yourself Out of the Flow, Jump Back In**

12. Is it more true to say you know yourself more than anyone else, or more true to say you know yourself less than other people know you?

13. It is important for us to acknowledge our own \_\_\_\_\_. (pg. 157)

14. What sort of emotions might we feel as the Spirit of God examines our souls?

15. Is it possible to “turn off” or ignore the Spirit’s “alarms” which convict us of sin in our lives?

16. What is the true nature of real conviction?

a. Conviction is not the same as “\_\_\_\_\_”. (pg. 163)

b. Conviction is not the same as “\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.”

c. The pain of conviction is \_\_\_\_\_ – over who I am...” (pg. 164)

17. \_\_\_\_\_ is the indispensable hope. \_\_\_\_\_ does not increase God’s desire to be with us. It increases our capacity to be with him! (pg. 164)

18. “The danger is not that \_\_\_\_\_ won’t respond to our sincere repentance; the danger is that \_\_\_\_\_ might become so ensnared in the distorted thoughts that sin inevitably produces that we become simply unable to repent.” (pg. 166)

19. What is the “big hope” that we cling to in the face of sin? (pg. 166)