

# What Happened To All The Sin?

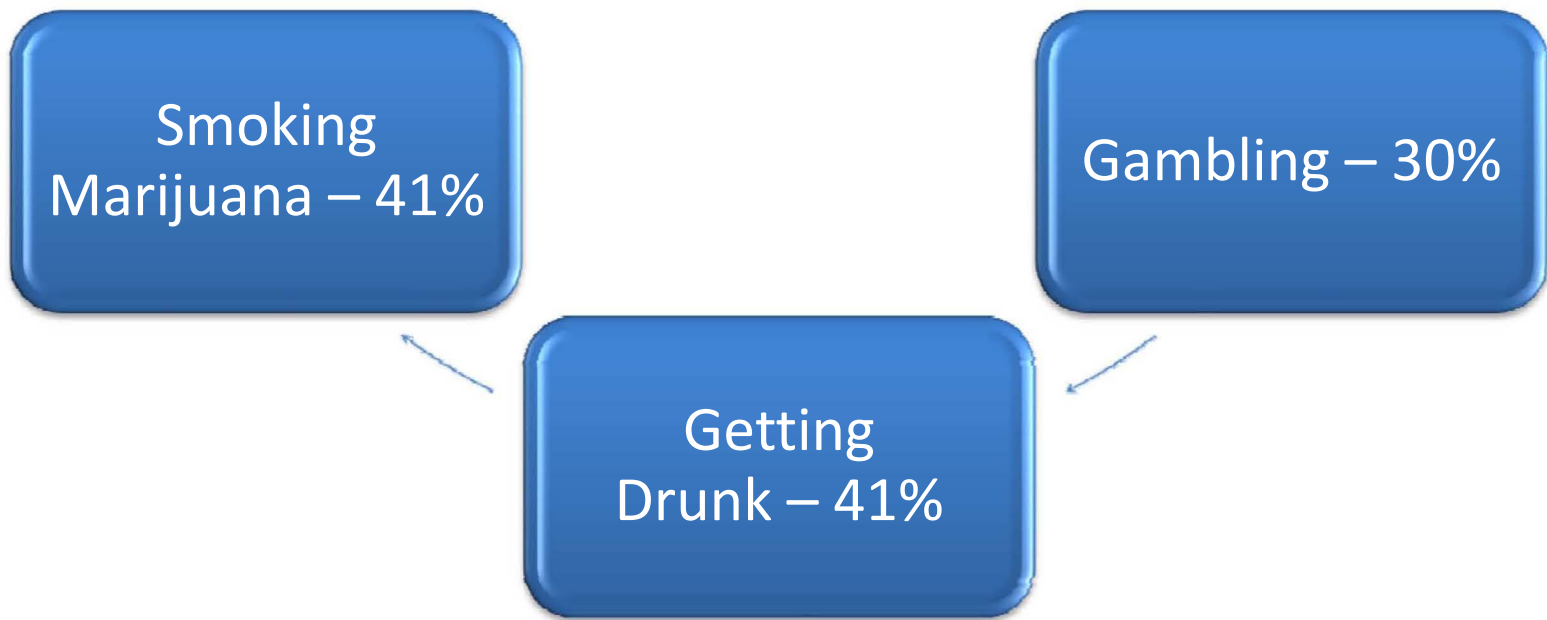
2 Timothy 3:1-9

# How People Feel About Sin Today

- On Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2008 in the Life Section of USA Today, a poll taken in August, 2007 by Ellison Research Group, based on 1,007 adults through a representative online panel, adjusted to be demographically representative of the U.S.A. The margin of error is  $\pm 3.1$  percent.



# What Americans Call Sin



Not Reporting  
Some Income  
On Tax  
Return – 52%

Homosexual  
Thoughts – 44%

Sex Before  
Marriage –  
45%

# What Americans Call Sin

Reading Or  
Watching  
Pornography –  
50%

Gossip – 47%

Swearing –  
46%

Homosexual  
Activity – 52%

Adultery – 81%

Having An  
Abortion – 56%

## What Americans Call Sin

Racism – 74%

Not Saying  
Anything If The  
Cashier Gives You  
Too Much  
Change – 63%

Using “Hard”  
Drugs: Cocaine,  
Heroin, Meth,  
LSD – 65%

# What Popular “Preachers” Say

- In an interview on Larry King Live, June 20, 2005, with Joel Osteen
- **KING**: How about issues that the church has feelings about? Abortion? Same-sex marriages?  
**OSTEEN**: Yeah. You know what, Larry? I don't go there. I just ...  
**KING**: You have thoughts, though.  
**OSTEEN**: I have thoughts. I just, you know, I don't think that a same-sex marriage is the way God intended it to be. I don't think abortion is the best. I think there are other, you know, a better way to live your life. But I'm not going to condemn those people. I tell them all the time our church is open for everybody.  
**KING**: You don't call them sinners?  
**OSTEEN**: I don't.  
**KING**: Is that a word you don't use?  
**OSTEEN**: I don't use it. I never thought about it. But I probably don't. But most people already know what they're doing wrong. When I get them to church I want to tell them that you can change. There can be a difference in your life. So I don't go down the road of condemning.













