

## “SINDROME”

Webster defines “syndrome” as a group of signs and symptoms that occur together and characterize a particular abnormality. All kinds of symptoms have been diagnosed and treated by the medical community. If you have not been so diagnosed, you probably know someone who has.

If you were to change the “y” to “i”, you would have identified the most common, as well as the most dangerous malady of man. This is well documented in the sacred Scriptures. *“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.”* (Romans 3:23). *“For the wages of sin is death...”* (Romans 6:23). Consider some of the signs and symptoms of SS (Sin Syndrome).

1) Inordinate Desire for the Fleshly and Sensual. Romans 1 furnishes a very up-to-date divine commentary on this symptom. The list of sins reads like today’s paper! *“Vile affections”* (v.26), *“burned in their lust”* (v. 27), and *“being filled with all unrighteousness”* (v. 29), are but a few of the statements revealing a horrible level of depravity. *“The wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness...”* (v. 18).

2) Extreme Discomfort With the Spiritual. Those rollicking in sin do not relish spiritual things. Their appetite for that which is spiritual has been dulled. Sin has a desensitizing effect. Those suffering from SS do not enjoy being involved in spiritual exercises such as worship, prayer, and Bible study. They will avoid spiritual people when possible. They even dislike God. (See Romans 1:28, 30).

3) Dislike, Even Disdain, for Authority. Those who suffer from SS seek to throw off any authoritative yoke. They want no restraint. They desire to do their own thing, or, as in the days of the judges of Israel, *“what is right in their own eyes.”* The sinner’s attitude toward authority is easily seen in the definition of sin itself: *“...sin is the transgression of the law.”* (1 John 3:4). Authority is inherent in law. Sin is a slap in the face of God’s authority.

Submission to the Great Physician is the only cure for the “sickness” of sin!

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Wild oats need no fertilizer!

### News & Notes

**CONFESSIONS:** Crystal Spencer.

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** Those having medical procedures: Nonie Scadden, Joyce Murdock, Bob Cyphers.

**CARE & SHARE BEARS:** Each Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. Join the ladies in this good work.

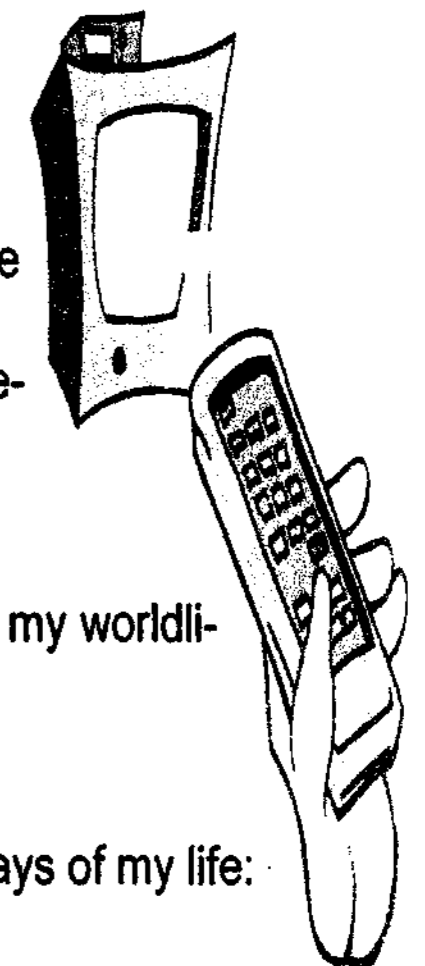
**PANTRY:** Toilet tissue, soap, deodorant.

**SICK & SHUT-IN:** UPMC, Pittsburgh: Diane Robinson. Weirton Medical Center: Jean Larrimore. AT HOME: Ruth Brewer, Bobby Hadley (son of Bob & Pat Hadley), Blondenia Orr, Janet Malcomson, Lloyd & Virginia Ferrell, Lynn Duncan McCall (in Texas), Lloyd Cowdery, Mabel Sprout, Virginia Rickerd, Bette Gentry, Fred Larrimore, Sr., Fred Larrimore, Jr., Cheryl Stackpole, Betty Dunn (Pat Wright’s mother). NURSING HOMES: Fox: Ray Baker. Calcutta Health Care: Virginia Clutter (sister-in-law of Eva Stefl). Nentwick: Ruby Kenny. Weirton Geriatric Center: Edna McKitrick, Ila Plum. Aspen Manor, Wellsburg: Ione Asher.

### The 23rd Channel

The TV is my Shepherd, I shall not want.  
It makes me lie down on the sofa.  
It leads me away from the scriptures.  
It destroys my soul.  
It leads me in the paths of sex and violence for the sponsor’s sake.  
Yea, though I walk in the shadow of my Christian responsibilities,  
There will be no interruptions; for the TV is with me,  
It’s cable and it’s remote control, they comfort me.  
It prepares a commercial before me in the presence of my worldliness,  
It anoints my head with humanism,  
My coveting runneth over.  
Surely laziness and ignorance shall follow me all the days of my life:  
And I shall dwell in the house watching TV “forever.”

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### Atheists, Hypocrites, Christians

The **atheist** has reason, but no hope for his reason.

The **hypocrite** has hope, but no reason for his hope.

The **Christian** has reason for his hope, and hope for his reason.