



## *Pastor's Comments*

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### **Past Feeling?**

I have had Christians tell me that things they **once considered sinful** they now can do **without being bothered**. They argue that they have spiritually matured. The truth is that they have been deceived and have spiritually backslidden! When one sins and continues to reject the conviction of the Holy Spirit, he eventually **feels no more remorse** for sin. It is a tragic state! God said, "**My spirit shall not always strive with man**" (Gen. 6:3). This is why often the **worst sinners feel the least sinful!**

The pirate Gibbs, whose name became a terror on the seas, was at last taken captive, condemned, and executed. He acknowledged before his death that when he committed the first murder and plundered the first ship, **compunctions were severe** and his **conscience made a hell within his bosom**. But after he had sailed for years under the black flag, his **conscience became so hardened** that he could rob a vessel and murder all its crew, and then lie down and sleep as sweetly at night as an infant in its cradle. His **remorse diminished as his crimes increased!**

The Bible warns, "In the latter times some shall depart from the faith...having their **conscience seared with a hot iron**" (I Tim. 4:1-2). It speaks of those "**Who being past feeling** have given themselves over unto lasciviousness (lust), to work all uncleanness with greediness" (Eph. 4:19). If you know that you are breaking God's commands and **feel convicted** over the sin, I urge you to **thank God for convicting you** and turn now to Him in repentance of the sin before you sink to the hopeless point of "**being past feeling!**"

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