



## DRAWN TO SIN

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**ROMANS 7:7 NKJV – (7)** What shall we say then? Is the law sin? Certainly not! On the contrary, I would not have known sin except through the law. For I would not have known covetousness unless the law had said, “You shall not covet.”

There are sinful desires (**Colossians 3:5**). This is what the apostle Paul came to realize when he understood the real nature of the sin of coveting (**Romans 7:7**). In **Romans 7:8** he explains how sin took the opportunity and advantage of the commandment to produce all kinds of sinful desires in him. An older word used for those desires is physical attraction.

It is wrong to be a passive slave to these sinful desires as though it is impossible for a Christian to resist them and put them to death. This is also dealt with in **1 Thessalonians 4:5** which warns believers to avoid the sinful desires and passions of the Gentiles who do not know God. It is especially focused on sexual sin.

Paul uses the example of coveting, deeply desiring something (or someone) that belongs to another person. God's law commanded Israel, "You shall not covet" (**Exodus 20:17**; **Deuteronomy 5:21**). Paul learned what coveting was, in a formal sense, from the law. Then, as he writes in the following verse, he discovered the sin of covetousness in himself. If you think you're stuck, read **1 Corinthians 10:13**.

**SCRIPTURE READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 15:56**

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:** Nothing is making us do it but ourselves.