



TALK IT OVER

THE ILLUSION: It's Not a Mistake

BOTTOM LINE

There's a difference between a mistake and a sin.

CONVERSATION STARTER

What's the biggest/funniest cooking/baking mistake you ever made? Or, what's the biggest or most humorous goof you have made with technology?

THINGS TO CONSIDER

What did you hear?

What do you think?

What will you do?

RESOURCES

- The Daily:
newpointe.org/thedaily
- [The Difference Between a Sin and a Mistake](#), a powerful and helpful 5-minute read with Michael Hyatt

KEY VERSES AND QUOTES

For ALL have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. Romans 3:23 NIV

Until you embrace the fact that you're a sinner, you will not be open to embracing the fact that God sent you a Savior. As long as you think of it as just a mistake, you're going to try harder. But you have to finally come to grips with the fact that, no, you don't just accidentally do things. There's something fundamentally wrong with you and with me. Until you embrace the fact that you're a sinner, you will never embrace your Savior.

Jesus came to say it's worse than you thought. You're worse than you thought. The standard's higher than you thought. Nobody's going to get in on his own merit and his own righteousness because God is far more righteous than you gave Him credit for originally.

When a person is carried away with desire, lured by lust, and when desire becomes the focus and takes control, it gives birth to sin. When sin becomes fully grown, it produces death. James 1:15 TV

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Why do you think it is so difficult to admit we have sinned instead of just making a mistake? Can you think of any public figures who have called what they did a mistake instead of a sin? What's the damage?

How have you felt when someone has sinned against you, called it a mistake, and assumed quick forgiveness? In practical terms, how does sin produce death? What dies?

ACTION STEPS (This or one of your own)

I will humbly own my mistakes and sins. I will differentiate between them accurately and take appropriate action with God and people, starting with an honest apology now if God brings a situation to mind.

My Action Step: _____