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SLIVERS

Have you ever had a sliver in your finger? You may not see it, but you can feel it. If you do not get it out, it will irritate your skin, and maybe even fester. It is not easy to get a sliver out because they are so small. Sometimes you cannot even see it unless you use a magnifying glass, but you know it is there. Every time you touch something where it is, pain shoots into your finger. If you let it go for a while, it may become imbedded and it will take more than tweezers to dig it out. Ouch. Sometimes you must use a needle and open the skin up to poke at it, and it really hurts, but relief soon comes when it is finally taken out.

Slivers are like sin. They enter in when we least expect it and take root. They cause hurt, and they are not easily removed. If we do not get rid of the “sin slivers” that enter our souls we will have buried pain, and it is harder and harder to get to the source. Sometimes we let it go, and think it will just go away, but it does not. It is there beneath the surface, and every now and then it hurts when something touches it “just right.”

The answer to sin “slivers” is to pull them out immediately through repentance and forgiving those that hurt us and repent for hurting others. We must do this even if it hurts, because if we do not it will hurt a lot more later.

Just like the finger, there may be some “bleeding” where the splinter was. This is the blood of Jesus washing away the pain of the offense, but it brings cleansing to the soul.

Do not let sin build up in you and become calloused over with indifference. Ask God to show you those areas of your life where there are sin “slivers” that need “tweezers,” which is repentance, so they can be pulled out. You will be glad that you did. The spiritual wound will heal, and things will be so much better!