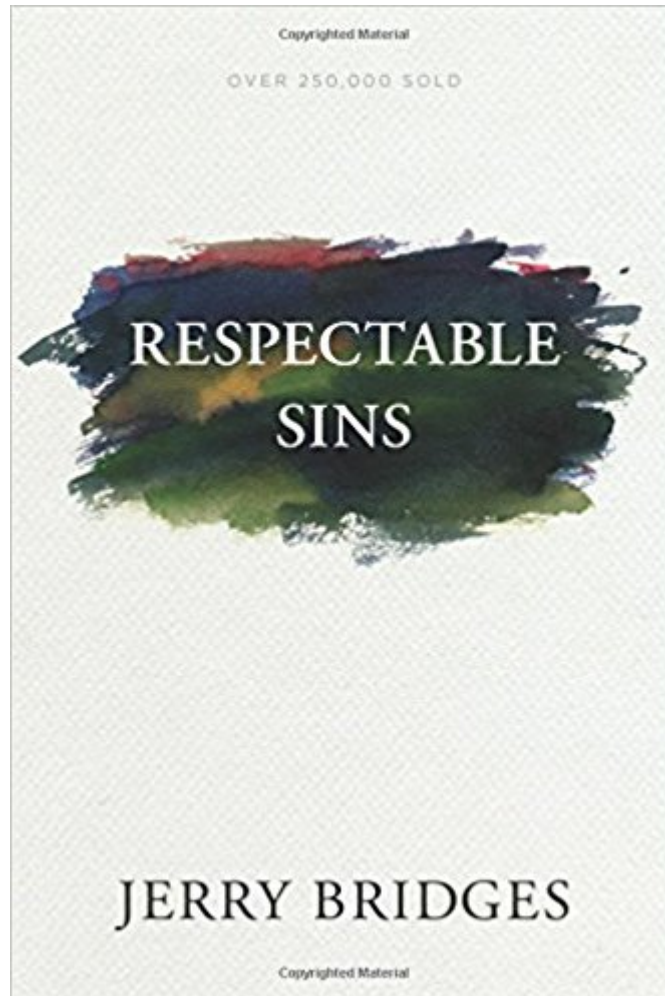




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Respectable Sins



Synopsis

Now available in softcover with a new, contemporary watercolor design that blends with Jerry Bridges's most popular books. This new edition now includes the study guide (formerly available separately), combining that resource into this book. What Ever Happened to Sin? Jerry Bridges helps us confront the sins we tolerate. The Christian journey is a life of practiced godliness, but too often we overlook or minimize sins that, while corrosive and destructive to ourselves and those around us, are overshadowed by more flashy, headline-grabbing sins. This classic book from Jerry Bridges helps readers understand and commit to a life of holiness by examining patterns of behavior we often accept as normal, rather than as violations of God's law.

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Customer Reviews

Have Christians become so preoccupied with the major sins of our society that we have lost sight of our need to deal with our own more subtle sins? Jerry Bridges returns to his trademark theme of holiness and addresses a dozen clusters of specific "acceptable" sins that we tend to tolerate in ourselves - such as jealousy, anger, pride, unthankfulness, and judgmentalism. Jerry writes not from a height of spiritual accomplishment but from the trenches of his own battles with sin. In his admonitions, Jerry offers a message of hope in the profound mercy of the gospel and the transforming grace of God as the means to overcoming our subtle sins. If you lead a small group or Bible class, don't miss the companion discussion guide for this important book. See inside for details. --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

Dr. Jerry Bridges is the best-selling author of such books as *The Pursuit of Holiness*, *Trusting God*, and *The Practice of Godliness*. Jerry is on staff with The Navigators' collegiate ministry. A popular speaker known around the world, Jerry lives with his wife, Jane, in Colorado Springs. --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

Personal holiness is a key theme for Jerry Bridges and in this book he deals with some of the sins that we don't mind displaying because we just don't think they are that bad, sometimes you the extent that we don't even think of them as sin. I think this book is very important for Christians today, particularly in the Industrialized West. It's not that Christians from less developed countries don't share these sins, but rather that Bridges addresses them in ways that are particularly applicable to Americans and Europeans. One reason I give it four instead of five stars is that he sometimes stretches to make a point. Occasionally he points out a valid area of sin, but his personal anecdotes fall a bit short in identifying that sin in himself just to identify himself with his readers. Another reason for four stars it's that Bridges' overt evangelicalism limits the book's appeal for those outside that part of the spectrum of Christian belief and practice. I most recently used this book for a small group study and it provided a great springboard for discussion. At the same time, it provided a great motivation for personal introspection and a desire for holiness in the areas he covers.

"Respectable Sins" was an eye-opening and thought provoking read on the sins that we tend to overlook and justify. I went through this book with a Bible Study group at work, which really enriched the subject matter. It was beneficial to hear from other people and the areas that they either struggle with or identify with compared to my own. In summary, the book covers sins ranging from the deeply rooted ungodliness, pride, and un-thankfulness, to the ones we probably see more often, such as anger, sins of the tongue, and worldliness. This book is a pretty quick read and serves as a great tool for Christians to use in navigating their own life to seek out and do away with sins that we consider as "subtle", or in this case "respectable". Pros: quick read and great way to learn how to pray for guidance in allowing the Holy Spirit to expose sin in your own life, while also talking with those close to you to provide feedback on any "blind spots". Cons: some of the examples offered by the author, while appreciated, are not always relatable. Bottom line: a great book to read in a small group setting, or even on your own, for seeking out areas of your life that you may not be living in-line with scripture.

I had the privilege to read this book quite recently for a book study and then on my own. I consider this a must for all who profess Christ as their Lord and Savior. If you are not convicted by this book, I would recommend you question your relationship with Christ. This is so convicting and what makes it so good, is that the author brings in his own experience in to show us that the most mature believer who has known the Lord for many years and has taught others for years, was greatly convicted by these "respectable sins"! He not just makes us face them as sin, but gives us encouragement to fight against them.

I would give this book more than five stars if it were possible. It is so important! We need to keep searching our hearts and minds, questioning our motives, and asking the Holy Spirit to guide us and help us become more Christlike. There are many subtle sins we need to deal with. The body of Christ need this message, and the unsaved world need to see Christ in us. Jerry Bridges comes across as a warm and humble man of God and even if the topic of his book might be tough to digest at times, you really feel like he's talking to you - with love. This is about you and nobody else! After reading this book I felt small and sinful, but at the same time God's grace seemed bigger than ever. He has everything under control!

Time goes by and I focus on big concerns in my life and forget the little things. At least it seems to happen that way to me. I allowed some "respectable sins" to creep into my life. I needed to see those spelled out and begin to deal with them. The book is well written and focuses on what the sins are (enough that we get the idea) and what they look like without nit-picking the minor details. A good book that I needed to read and apply.

This is one of the most fascinating, informative and important books I have read in a long time. This is a book that is very much needed for this generation of carelessly taught believers. My opinion is that this book should be in every church library, taught in every church and Bible study, and be on the desk of every Pastor and Bible teacher. If I had the means, I would buy numerous copies to share with every believer I know. Outstanding resource for anyone who has any desire to serve God and honor Him.

This is a book I strongly recommend to anyone wondering about sin in their life and what steps you should take. The book challenges you to examine your life and relationship to God. Excellent soul searching and reflection on life.

This book was real eye opening for me. This book brought to light the sins that I sweep under the rug, so to speak. This book taught me how to deal with this acceptable sins in a godly way. I didn't see our tread anything avg about this book that I did not like. It was full of truth and this is exactly what I needed. I would recommend this book to anyone that Eli not get defensive if the things in this book and would consider reading this book of they are willingly to accept change from how they are living now. Those that may have these respectable sins and are willing to seek change, and read this book with an open mind.

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