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Subject: Re: Bulletin Board

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"This is very interesting, Its those who "practice" lawlessness."

1 John 3:4 NKJV"Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness."

1 John 3:4 ESV"Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness."

From this scripture we see that sin is lawlessness, so since we know we all have sinned the question we should ask is, what does the word "practice " mean? Opps! Looks like another word study...

practice: Webster dictionary defines practice as "actively engaged in a specified way of life." So according to this definition practicing lawlessness means, actively engaged in sinning as a way of life.

It's the heart God is looking at; does a man, born again, when he sins (misses the mark), come before The Father seeking mercy with a repentant heart (1 John 2:1-2) with Jesus as our advocate, or continue to commit the sin due to fleshly lusts or a hardened heart? I think that's the difference between 'practicing lawlessness/sin' and 'missing the mark' from time to time. A lifestyle vs occasionally; a heart that grieves over sin vs a heart that winks at and excuses sin.

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