

**VICTORY OVER FAILURES WORKSHEET (I John 5:4-5)**Page 1 of 2*(if applicable) Name of person I have failed to love God's way* Amy

(1) My specific unbiblical thoughts, words, and actions (Matthew 7:1-5)	(2) "Put off" & reference(s) (Ephesians 4:22; Colossians 3:5-9)	(3) "Put on" & reference(s) (Ephesians 4:24; Colossians 3:10-17)	(4) My plan not to repeat this sin and to respond biblically instead (Titus 2:11-14)
<p>A few years back, my son and I moved in with my dad and his girlfriend, Jane, (who really didn't want us there) for a few months until I could get my own place again. I was carrying stuff across the yard from my neighbor's driveway, because our driveway was full of cars. About my third trip across the yard, I came to the door, arms full of stuff, to find myself locked out. I immediately became infuriated, and assumed that Jane had locked me out on purpose. I banged on the door of the house, and Jane's son let me in. As I trudged up the stairs, I yelled out some really nasty things that I won't repeat here. Later, Jane's 17-year-old daughter, Amy, came to my room and apologized for locking me out. (She obviously thought my words were meant for her.) I just stood there stunned and quite embarrassed. I didn't say anything to her at all. This has bothered me for years, but to this day, I have not apologized to her, or asked for her forgiveness. I never told Amy or Jane that I was really yelling at Jane. (Since that time, Jane has received Christ, she and my dad have married, and we have reconciled many of our differences, though I am still somewhat untrusting of her. -- Long and somewhat unbelievable story.) Whenever I see Amy now, she seems to avoid speaking to me as much as possible - she's not rude, just cautious. (Like you always say, it only takes one time to give someone a bad impression of you.)</p>	<p>Quick Temper (James 1:20)</p> <p>Failure to seek reconciliation</p> <p>Prideful Disobedience (James 5:6)</p>	<p>Slow to speak, slow to wrath (James 1:19)</p> <p>Biblical reconciliation (Matthew 5:23-24)</p> <p>Obedience (James 5:6)</p>	<p><b>PATTERNS:</b> Quick temper, Failure to seek reconciliation, Disobedience</p> <p><b>My basic plan for overcoming my failure to ask for forgiveness is to think, speak and act biblically in order to become more and more Christ-like every day and to train myself (by reason of use) to discern both good and evil. (Hebrews 5:14)</b></p> <p><b>Think biblically.</b></p> <p>When I realize that someone has sinned against me, I will immediately begin to form a plan to be reconciled with the other person as soon as possible. I will remember that God, in His infinite wisdom, commands us to be reconciled to others, and to live at peace with others as much as possible. I will remember that God will not hear my prayers until I am obedient in this area. I will seek to please God with my thought life by dwelling on things which are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, of good report, virtuous, and praiseworthy (Philippians 4:8). This will help me to keep my focus on being obedient to God rather than focusing on my own feelings of uneasiness when asking someone to forgive me. I will think about what is the best way to biblically restore the relationship before I approach the other person.</p>