3 paths to evil choices -

- 1. Self worship / anti social personality
- 2. God like Control of others
- 3. Seared conscious

Examples:

- 1. Holocaust 6 million Jews exterminated
- 2. Charles manson / ted bundy, jeffry Dahmer, Jack the ripper
- 3. Video games / RPG with moral choices to simulate evil
- 4. Start small, justify it, compound it, multiply it, feed off it, enjoy it.
- 5. Sunday school superintendent in Mo who stabbed his wife to death
- 6. Pastors wife whos brother was murdered on a highway and killer never caught
- 7. College roommate whos wife was rapped while working as church secretary

The Bible speaks of a seared conscience in <u>1 Timothy 4:2</u>. The <u>conscience</u> is the God-given moral consciousness within each of us (<u>Romans 2:15</u>). If the conscience is "seared"—literally "cauterized"—then it has been rendered insensitive. Such a conscience does not work properly; it's as if "spiritual scar tissue" has dulled the sense of right and wrong. Just as the hide of an animal scarred with a branding iron becomes numb to further pain, so the heart of an individual with a seared conscience is desensitized to moral pangs.

<u> James 1:15 –</u>

Then when the illicit desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin has run its course, it gives birth to death.

Then the evil desire, when it has conceived, gives birth to sin, and sin, when it is fully matured, brings forth death.

Matt 12: Therefore I tell you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven people, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven. ³² And whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come.