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Seven sins are considered deadly and are listed in the bible as being the seven deadly sins that God hates. The seven sins are *pride, envy, gluttony, lust, anger, greed and sloth*. All sin is evil and should be avoided, but what is it that makes these sins “deadly” as the bible states just read along and find out.

What sets these seven sins aside.

The thing that really sets these seven sins aside from the rest, and makes them deadly, is that all of these sins are characteristics that we develop and that can be easily overcome through self control. It is things that we choose to be and not small little sins that dirty our feet along the way. These sins, when nurtured or allowed to continue in our lives, will lead to spiritual death.

Romans 1:25 Who changed
the truth of God into a lie,
& worshipped & served the
creature more than the
Creator, who is blessed
forever. Amen

#1 Anger

Outbursts of Wrath



- There is a subtle difference between anger and outbursts of wrath, and yet they are the same thing, just with varying degrees. Anger is said to be a strong feeling of displeasure or hostility while wrath is punishment or vengeance as a manifestation of anger.
- In [Matthew 5:22](#) Jesus says, “ But I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of judgement .” Sometimes there are good reasons to get angry. It is quite justified to be angry with sin, or to be angry with the devil for the works that he is doing. However when you are angry without a good cause, you place yourself in a position wher you can bring Judgement down upon yourself.

[Ephesians 5: 26](#)

says “Be angry and do not sin”. It is quite clear from this that anger can be the gateway for us to enter into sin.

[Ephesians 5:30](#)

” And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all [bitterness](#), wrath, anger, clamour, evil speaking be put away from you.” By falling to the sin of anger and it’s cousin, wrath, we grieve the Holy spirit that is within us.

[James 1:20](#)

says “For the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God”. We are to show to others, the [fruits of the Holy Spirit](#) that are growing within us, but anger and wrath are evidences of the flesh and will lead to corruption of the soul and danger of judgement.

[Proverbs 16:5](#)

5] Every one that is proud in heart is an abomination to the LORD: though hand join in hand, he shall not be unpunished.

Proverbs 15:1 A SOFT answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger.

#2

Lust & Greed



- Lust is the opposite of love. Although love and hate are often considered opposites, as much as hate is an opposite to love, so is lust the opposite of love. Jesus was and is pure love, and lust is contradictory to love and will lead to sin, which in turn leads to death. Hence lust is considered to be one of the [seven deadly sins](#).
- [Love](#) is when you will do anything at your own expense, to satisfy the needs of others, whilst lust is when you will do anything at the expense of others, to satisfy your own needs.
- **1 John 2:16** " For all that is in the world – the lust of the flesh – the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life – is not of the Father but is of the world. " This scripture reveals that lust does not only relate to our flesh and therefore things that satisfy the flesh, but that lust applies to things that we see and desire. We see someone driving a Ferrari, and we begin to lust after that car, we will do all in our power to be the one driving that car, even if it means that our wives and kids are deprived of essentials in order that we can get to be driving that car – LUST! In fact, anything that we desire that can be associated with the pride of life, is most likely fuelled by lust. It can be a new suit that will make you look important, or that new house in an upmarket suburb. Anything that is done to impress is part of the pride of life.

#3

Sexual Immoral



- Mostly lust is used in sexual contexts, which is correct. Your bodies get filled with a desire and then once filled with desire, you will do anything to satisfy that desire that has built up within you, even if it is at the expense of others. Lust is fuelled by satan himself and his purpose is to so fill you with desire that you are unable to control it, and then once you give in to the lust, you are out of the will of the Father and into the sins of the world. Pornography is not there by chance. It is designed to fill you with lust, and to make the lusts of the flesh and the associated sins that accompany it, to appear as being normal qualities of life. Pornography fuels your mind with desire.

James 1:15 “Then when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.”

Matthew 5:28 But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a women to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart

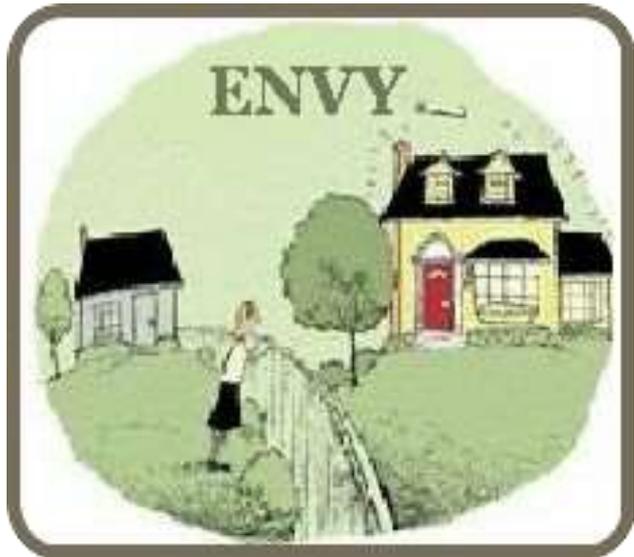
The only way to defeat lust, is to be [bonded in love](#). When you are filled with love and more specifically, the love of Jesus, there is no place for lust within you. Love drives you to see first to the needs of others, and whilst you are occupied in love and seeing to the needs of others, you are too busy to ponder on your own selfish needs. It is only when you concentrate on your own selfish needs that lust and sin are born into your members and the decay of your flesh begins.

2 Corinthians 5:8 “We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.” When we become one with Christ Jesus, we cease to live according to the earthly body that restricts us, and start to live in Christ. When we are absent from our bodies through Christ, we are no longer controlled by the bodily feelings and lusts. Overcome the lusts of the flesh and the lusts of the eyes by being solidly founded in Christ Jesus with only Him as your [Lord and Saviour](#). Keep your eyes on Him and you will not be able to see the bait of satan that is there to appeal to your senses and lusts.

Ephesians 4:19 Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lascivious to work all uncleanness with greediness.

#4

Envy



- Envy – One of the seven deadly sins. To be filled with **envy** is to be filled with a jealousy of what others may have that you do not have. However, in Godly terms to be envious of others is really to be unhappy with what God has given to you and to be unhappy with the destiny that God has laid out for you, wanting the possessions and destiny of others instead. In short, it is basically a slap in the face to God.

James 3:14 “ But if you have **bitter envy** and self seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth.” It is interesting that the words “*bitter envy*” are used in this scripture.

Hebrews 12:15 “ Looking diligently lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of **bitterness** springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled.” **Envy becomes bitterness** inside of you, and will spring up and grow to a proportion where you are not able to control it. The *bitterness* cause by *envy* will defile you and destroy you.

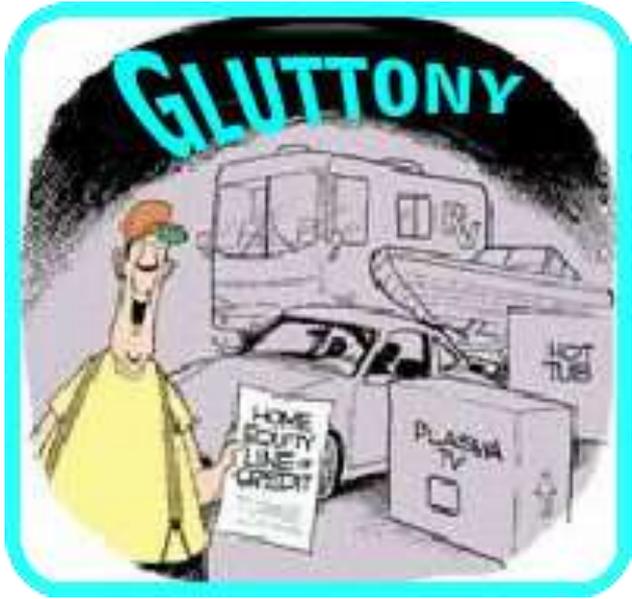
James 3:16 “ For where **envy** and self seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing will be there.” Envy removes you from the path that God has created for you. Being removed from your personal path removes the direction in your life and confusion sets in. It is like following a map in a foreign city, and half way to the destination , you lose the map. When you are trying to follow the path that God has set for someone else, thinking that it is a better path than the one God has set for you, you open yourself up to demonic activity by removing yourself from the covering grace of God’s will for you. With the *bitterness* that springs up, comes destruction in the form of evil.

1 Corinthians 3:3 “For you are still carnal. For where there are **envy**, strife and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men.” Being *filled with envy* removes you from being a spiritual being through Christ Jesus, and returns you to the flesh. The works of the flesh as set out in **Galations 5:19** are adultery, fornication, uncleanness, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like.

1 Peter 2:1 Wherefore laying aside all malice, & all guile & hypocrisies, & envies & all evil speakings. **Envy** removes you from the will of God and places you outside of the will of God, into a place frequented by all types of evil, against which you then have no form of defence. From envy comes destruction. Overcome envy, knowing that God has the perfect plan for your life, and has all good things planned for you.

#5

Gluttony



- The sin of gluttony is possibly one of the more difficult of the [seven deadly sins](#) to understand at first, but once the meaning of the word gluttony is fully understood, it is easier to understand why it is one of the seven deadly sins.
- According to the [miriam webster dictionary](#) Gluttony can be defined as
 - 1) Excess in eating or drinking
 - 2) Greedy or excessive indulgence.
- <pAs can be seen from the above definition, gluttony also refers to a greedy or excessive indulgence in anything. Gluttony overlaps with the sin of greed and it is often found that those who suffer from gluttony also suffer from greed.
- Further definitions of the word gluttony reveal that gluttony is also a form of a total lack of discipline and manners. Those who are gluttons will do anything to satisfy their desires for that which they lust for.
- **Proverbs 23:21** For the drunkard & the glutton shall come to poverty & drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags.

#6

Vanity



- **Ephesians 5:6** Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience .

Psalms 10:7 His mouth is full of cursing & deceit & fraud: under this tongue is mischief & vanity.

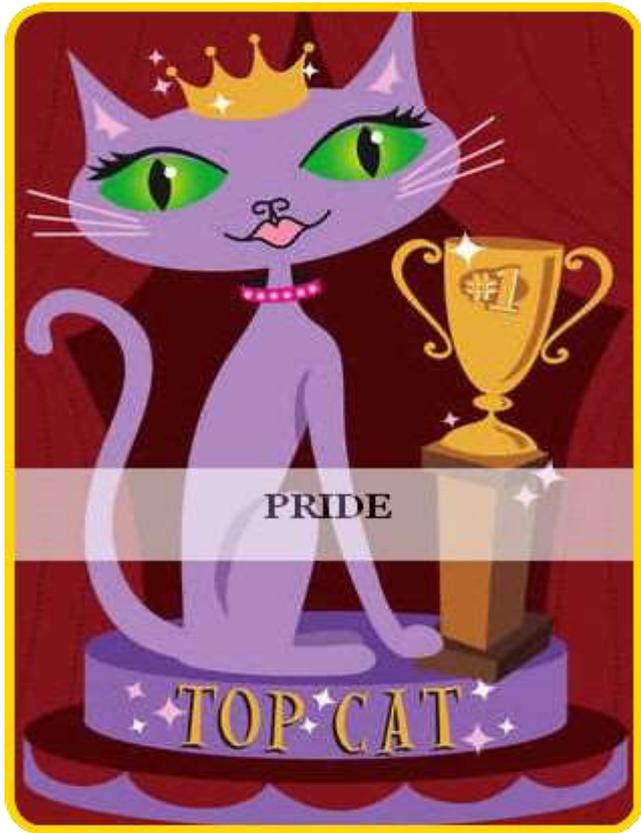
Zechariah 10:2 For the idols have spoken vanity & the diviners have seen a lie, & have told false dreams: they comfort in vain: therefore they went their way as a flock, and they were troubled, because there was no shepherd.

Colossians 2:8 Beware lest any many spoil you through philosophy & vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

Psalms 127:1 EXCEPT the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.

#7

Pride



- Pride is one of the most dangerous of the [seven deadly sins](#) and is indeed the weapon that satan most dearly loves to use against christians. Pride is the crippling sin that was the cause of him being removed from heaven and cast out to the earth. Pride has now become the cause of the fall of many. [Facts about pride](#)

1 John 2:16 “For all that is in the world – the lust of the flesh – the lust of the eyes, and the **pride of life** – is not of the Father but is of the world.

In the scripture above, pride is classified together with lust and stated to be of the world. Pride therefore is as bad as adultery, fornication and every other deadly sin. **Proverbs 16:18** says “**Pride goes before destruction** “. Once the sin of pride has come upon you, destruction is soon to follow shortly afterwards.

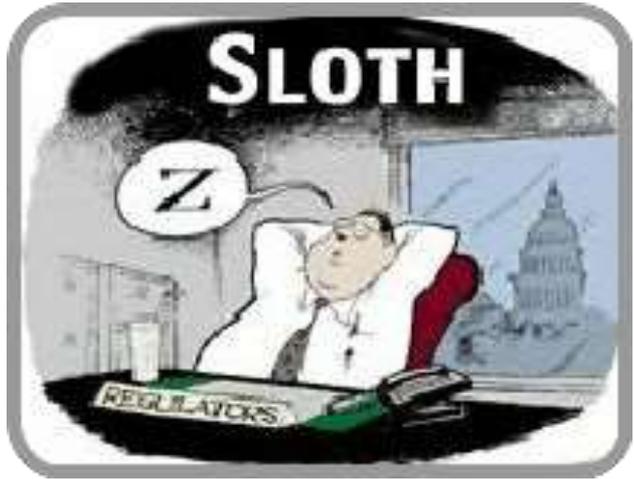
Lucifer was one of the most beautiful angels of all. However **Isaiah 14:12-17** relates how lucifer (satan) tried to become as God and was filled with pride. He was then cast out of the heavens due to this sin. However, satan was so devious and convincing, that he managed to convince a third of the angels to follow him and be cast out of the heavens with him. These are the demons or fallen angels that come to tempt you and terrorize you. If satan was able to deceive those who were daily in the prescence of God, daily worshipping before God and who daily saw the power and might of God, how easy is it then for him to tempt and mislead one of us mortals.

[Jesus](#) says that we should never consider ourselves more high than we are and when we come to the feast table, that we should seat ourselves at the humble and lowly seats of the table (**Luke 14:8-11**). He will then come and move us to a higher position, but if we seek the best seat, we will be moved to a lower seat. This was a warning from Jesus about the damaging effects of pride. Pride makes us see ourselves as being more than we actually are and sees us elevating ourselves into positions that we should not be. **Matthew 23:12** “And whoever exalts himself will be abased, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

Pride is rife in churches and has been the downfall of many otherwise good christians. Pride elevated them into positions that they could not hold and which were not theirs to hold, and so they are toppled. I have even seen those who are so proud of how humble they are!

Guard your hearts, and never allow pride to enter. Cast it out as soon as it comes near to you recognising who the author of pride is, for the minute that you start to entertain pride, you are on the way to destruction. Never think highly of yourself, rather giving the true praise for everything to the Father, for without Him, you are incapable of anything.

Sloth



- Sloth is regarded as being one of the [seven deadly sins](#). Sloth relates to laziness, an aversion and dislike of physical exertion or work, a could not care attitude, or one who can not be motivated to do anything not caring about the consequences thereof. Basically sloth relates to most teenagers of today(Just Kidding).
- A slothful person is one who expects all things to come to them, who often demands the best for themselves, without being prepared to do anything or contribute anything towards receiving their hearts desire. If they do not receive that which they want, they make a big noise about it, blame everybody else for it, and accuse everyone else for having stolen their right away from them.

A slothful person can never take responsibility for anything, for in being responsible, they admit that the problem lies on their shoulders and therefore it is their lack of diligence that has caused the failure. Sloth is the aversion to work or exertion and accountability. Responsibility requires work or exertion and accountability.

We will all be held accountable for our works in the final day. Although our works may be as filthy rags to the Lord, we are still required to labour for Him. When we [accept Jesus as lord](#) of our lives, we change masters and instead of being a slave to satan, we become a [slave to Jesus](#). We are required to serve others, as Jesus Himself served his disciples and the people of the time then and still continues to serve us to this day, washing and cleansing us of sin. Slothfull people do not serve but instead insist on being served upon.

Slothfull people are selfish by nature, and could not care about others. They will only allow themselves to be driven to work under extreme circumstances and desperation, and the benefit of their efforts will be for themselves only.

The sin of sloth goes directly against the teachings of Jesus. We are required to serve others in love. We need to have a vision for the future and actively persue the vision of eternal life in Christ. We are to take the example of Jesus, and be prepared to walk in unselfishness even to the point where we are prepared to lay down our lives for others. We are to continually minister and see to the needs of others.

Sloth has no place in the kingdom of God, where each lives for each other and none live for themselves.

Proverbs 15:19 The way of the slothful man is as an hedge of thorns: but the way of the righteous is made plain.