

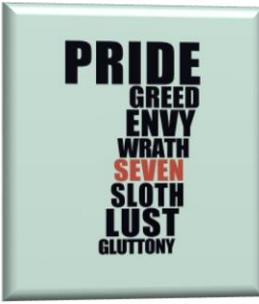
GULF SHORES

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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BIBLE CLASS STUDY GUIDE

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THE SEVEN DEADLY SINS:

#1 = PRIDE

GULF SHORES CHURCH OF CHRIST

Lesson by Ray Reynolds

Introduction: Have you heard about the seven deadly sins (Pride, Greed, Envy, Wrath, Sloth, Lust, and Gluttony)? Do you know where they come from? Are they found in Proverbs 6:16-19, Matthew 5-7, Galatians 5:19-21, or in Catholic tradition? People of faith, and those of Christendom, recognize these seven sins as deadly capital offenses. I would like for us to study about these seven deadly sins, and begin with the sin of pride. . . .

Discussion:

I. The Reason For Pride

- A. Definition of Pride:
- B. What should we do when we struggle with pride?

II. The Reaction To Pride

- A. Pride leads to disrespect (Proverbs 8:13).
- B. Pride leads to shame (Proverbs 11:2).
- C. Pride leads to strife (Proverbs 13:10).
- D. Pride leads to separation (Proverbs 16:5).
- E. Pride leads to destruction (Proverbs 16:18).
- F. Pride leads to stubbornness (Proverbs 16:18).
- G. Pride leads to dishonor (Proverbs 29:23).

III. The Remedy For Pride

- A. The opposing virtue that can defeat pride is humility.
- B. What does the Bible say about humility?

Psalm 138:6 says, "*Though the Lord is supreme, he takes care of those who are humble, but he stays away from the proud.*"

Proverbs 3:34 says, "*God is against the proud, but he gives grace to the humble.*"

Matthew 5:5 says, "*They are blessed who are humble, for the whole earth will be theirs.*"

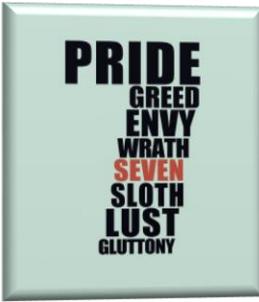
Matthew 23:12 says, "*Whoever makes himself great will be made humble. Whoever makes himself humble will be made great.*"

Ephesians 4:2 says, "*Always be humble, gentle, and patient, accepting each other in love.*"

James 4:10 says, "*Humble yourself in the Lord's presence, and he will honor you.*"

1 Peter 5:6 says, "*Be humble under God's powerful hand so he will lift you up when the right time comes.*"

Conclusion: Why do we allow pride to consume us? Why would we want to waste our time boasting? Why would we refuse to change? We MUST avoid the seven deadly sins! The only thing that can cleanse us of these sins is the blood of Jesus. Are you ready to come to Jesus?



THE SEVEN DEADLY SINS:

#2 = GREED

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Introduction: Have you heard about the seven deadly sins (Pride, Greed, Envy, Wrath, Sloth, Lust, and Gluttony)? People of the Christian faith recognize these seven sins as deadly capital offenses. I would like for us to study about greed together

Discussion:

I. The Reason For Greed

- A. Definition of Greed:
- B. What should we do when we struggle with greed?

II. The Reaction To Greed

- A. Greed leads to deception (Proverbs 1:10-14).
- B. Greed leads to selfishness (Proverbs 1:17-19).
- C. Greed leads to family strife (Proverbs 15:27).
- D. Greed leads to lust (Proverbs 23:1-6).
- E. Greed leads to failure (Proverbs 28:25).
- F. Greed leads to destruction (Proverbs 29:4).
- G. Greed leads to discontent (Proverbs 30:15-16).

III. The Remedy For Greed

- A. The opposing virtue that can defeat greed is generosity.
- B. What does the Bible say about generosity?

Psalm 112:5 says, "*It is good to be merciful and generous.*"

Proverbs 22:9 says, "*Generous people will be blessed... they share their food with the poor.*"

Mark 4:24 says, "*Listen carefully to what I am saying—and be wary of the shrewd advice that tells you how to get ahead in the world on your own. Giving, not getting, is the way. Generosity begets generosity. Stinginess impoverishes.*" (THE MESSAGE)

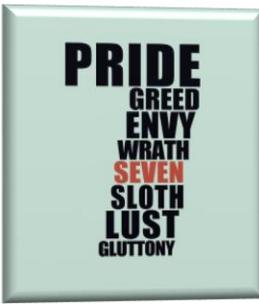
II Corinthians 9:5 says, "*So I thought I should ask these brothers to go to you before we do. They will finish getting in order the generous gift you promised so it will be ready when we come. And it will be a generous gift—not one that you did not want to give.*"

Ephesians 4:7 says, "*Christ gave each one of us the special gift of grace, showing how generous He is.*"

I Timothy 6:18 says, "*Tell the rich people to do good, to be rich in doing good deeds, to be generous and ready to share.*"

James 1:5 says, "*But if any of you needs wisdom, you should ask God for it. He is generous to everyone and will give you wisdom without criticizing you.*"

Conclusion: Why do we allow greed to consume us? Why would we want to waste our time accumulating things that will perish? The only thing that can cleanse us of these sins would be the blood of Jesus Christ. Are you ready to come to Jesus?



THE SEVEN DEADLY SINS:

#3 = ENVY

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Introduction: Have you heard about the seven deadly sins (Pride, Greed, Envy, Wrath, Sloth, Lust, and Gluttony)? People of the Christian faith recognize these seven sins as deadly capital offenses. I would like for us to study about envy together

Discussion:

I. *The Reason For Envy*

- A. Definition of Envy:
- B. What should we do when we struggle with envy?

II. *The Reaction To Envy*

- A. Envy leads to disgrace (Proverbs 3:31-35).
- B. Envy leads to anger (Proverbs 6:34-35).
- C. Envy leads to rottenness (Proverbs 14:30).
- D. Envy leads to ignorance (Proverbs 23:17-18).
- E. Envy leads to poor decision making (Proverbs 24:1-2).
- F. Envy leads to jealousy (Proverbs 24:19-20).
- G. Envy leads to destruction (Proverbs 27:4).

III. *The Remedy For Envy*

- A. The opposing virtue that can defeat envy is love.
- B. What does the Bible say about love?

Deuteronomy 11:13-15 says, "*If you carefully obey the commands I am giving you today and love the LORD your God and serve him with your whole being, then he will send rain on your land at the right time, in the fall and spring, and you will be able to gather your grain, new wine, and oil. He will put grass in the fields for your cattle, and you will have plenty to eat.*"

Psalms 86:15 says, "*But, Lord, you are a God who shows mercy and is kind. You don't become angry quickly. You have great love and faithfulness.*"

Ecclesiastes 9:6-7 says, "*After people are dead, they can no longer love or hate or envy. They will never again share in what happens here on earth. So go eat your food and enjoy it; drink your wine and be happy, because that is what God wants you to do.*"

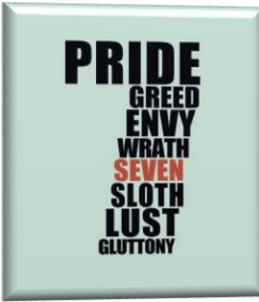
John 15:12 says, "*This is my command: Love each other as I have loved you.*"

Romans 5:8 says, "*But God shows his great love for us in this way: Christ died for us while we were still sinners.*"

Romans 8:28 says, "*We know that in everything God works for the good of those who love him. They are the people he called, because that was his plan.*"

I Corinthians 13:4 says, "*Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous, it does not brag, and it is not proud.*"

Conclusion: Why do we allow envy to consume us? Why would we covet what we have not earned? The only thing that can cleanse us of these sins would be the blood of Jesus Christ. Are you ready to come to Jesus?



THE SEVEN DEADLY SINS:

#4 = WRATH

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Introduction: Have you heard about the seven deadly sins (Pride, Greed, Envy, Wrath, Sloth, Lust, and Gluttony)? People of the Christian faith recognize these seven sins as deadly capital offenses. I would like for us to study about wrath together

Discussion:

I. *The Reason For Wrath*

- A. Definition of Wrath:
- B. What should we do when we struggle with wrath?

II. *The Reaction To Wrath*

- A. Wrath comes from foolish people (Proverbs 12:6).
- B. Wrath comes from impulsive people (Proverbs 14:29).
- C. Wrath comes from contentious people (Proverbs 15:1, 18).
- D. Wrath comes from predictable people (Proverbs 19:19).
- E. Wrath comes from frustrated people (Proverbs 21:14).
- F. Wrath comes from cruel people (Proverbs 27:4).
- G. Wrath comes from forceful people (Proverbs 30:33).

III. *The Remedy For Wrath*

- A. The opposing virtue that can defeat wrath is kindness.
- B. What does the Bible say about kindness?

Proverbs 3:3 says, "*Don't ever forget kindness and truth. Wear them like a necklace. Write them on your heart as if on a tablet.*"

Matthew 9:13 says, "*Go and learn what this means: 'I want kindness more than I want animal sacrifices.'*"

II Corinthians 6:6 says, "*We show we are servants of God by our pure lives, our understanding, patience, and kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by true love.*"

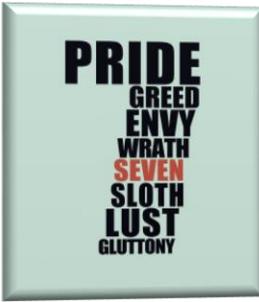
Galatians 5:22-23 says, "*But the Spirit produces the fruit of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.*"

Philippians 2:1 says, "*Does your life in Christ give you strength? Does his love comfort you? Do we share together in the spirit? Do you have mercy and kindness?*"

Colossians 3:12 says, "*God has chosen you and made you his holy people. He loves you. So you should always clothe yourselves with mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.*"

II Peter 1:5-7 says, "*Because you have these blessings, do your best to add these things to your lives: to your faith, add goodness; and to your goodness, add knowledge; and to your knowledge, add self-control; and to your self-control, add patience; and to your patience, add service for God and to your service for God, add kindness for your brothers and sisters in Christ; and to this kindness, add love.*"

Conclusion: Why do we allow wrath to consume us? Why would we seek vengeance or violence? We MUST avoid these seven deadly sins! The only thing that can cleanse us of these sins would be the blood of Jesus Christ. Are you ready to come to Jesus?



THE SEVEN DEADLY SINS:

#5 = SLOTH

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Discussion:

I. *The Reason For Sloth*

- A. Definition of Sloth:
- B. What should we do when we struggle with sloth?

II. *The Reaction To Sloth*

- A. Slothfulness leads to slavery (Proverbs 12:24).
- B. Slothfulness leads to hunger and thirst (Proverbs 12:27, 19:15).
- C. Slothfulness leads to suffering (Proverbs 15:19).
- D. Slothfulness leads to wastefulness (Proverbs 18:9).
- E. Slothfulness leads to death (Proverbs 21:25-26).
- F. Slothfulness leads to destruction (Proverbs 24:30-34).
- G. Slothfulness leads to shame (Proverbs 26:13-16).

III. *The Remedy For Sloth*

- A. The opposing virtue that can defeat sloth is zeal.
- B. What does the Bible say about zeal?

Proverbs 23:17 says, "*Do not let your heart envy sinners, but always be zealous for the fear of the LORD.*" (New International Version)

Romans 12:11 says, "*Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.*" (TNIV)

I Corinthians 14:12 says, "*So also you, since you are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek to abound for the edification of the church.*" (NASB)

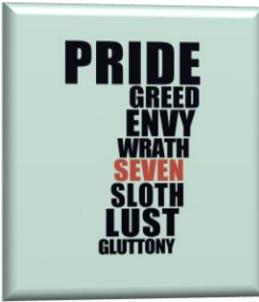
II Corinthians 7:11 says, "*For consider how much diligence this very thing—this grieving as God wills—has produced in you: what a desire to clear yourselves, what indignation, what fear, what deep longing, what zeal, what justice! In every way you have commended yourselves to be pure in this matter.*" (HCSB)

II Corinthians 9:2 says, "*For I know your eagerness, and I brag about you to the Macedonians: 'Achaia has been prepared since last year,' and your zeal has stirred up most of them.*" (HCSB)

Galatians 4:18 says, "*It is fine to be zealous, provided the purpose is good, and to be so always, not just when I am with you.*" (TNIV)

I Peter 3:13 says, "*Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good?*" (ESV)

Conclusion: Why do we allow sloth to consume us? Why would we want to be lazy when life is so short? We should seek to live life to the fullest! We must ask God to forgive us and change before it's too late. We MUST avoid these seven deadly sins! The only thing that can cleanse us of these sins would be the blood of Jesus Christ. Are you ready to come to Jesus?



THE SEVEN DEADLY SINS:

#6 = LUST

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Lesson by Ray Reynolds

Introduction: Have you heard about the seven deadly sins (Pride, Greed, Envy, Wrath, Sloth, Lust, and Gluttony)? People of the Christian faith recognize these seven sins as deadly capital offenses. I would like for us to study about lust together

Discussion:

I. The Reason For Lust

- A. Definition of Lust:
- B. What should we do when we struggle with lust?

II. The Reaction To Lust

- A. Lust can consume you (Proverbs 6:20-29).
- B. Lust can destroy you (Proverbs 6:30-35).
- C. Lust can blind you (Proverbs 7:1-5).
- D. Lust can fool you (Proverbs 7:6-9).
- E. Lust can embarrass you (Proverbs 7:10-20).
- F. Lust can entrap you (Proverbs 7:21-23).
- G. Lust can kill you (Proverbs 7:24-27).

III. The Remedy For Lust

- A. The opposing virtue that can defeat lust is self-control.
- B. What does the Bible say about self-control?

Proverbs 1:1-3 says, "*These are the wise words of Solomon son of David, king of Israel. They teach wisdom and self-control; they will help you understand wise words. They will teach you how to be wise and self-controlled and will teach you to do what is honest and fair and right.*"

Proverbs 23:23 says, "*Learn the truth and never reject it. Get wisdom, self-control, and understanding.*"

Romans 6:12-13 says, "*So, do not let sin control your life here on earth so that you do what your sinful self wants to do. Do not offer the parts of your body to serve sin, as things to be used in doing evil. Instead, offer yourselves to God as people who have died and now live. Offer the parts of your body to God to be used in doing good.*"

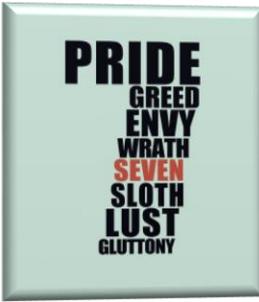
I Corinthians 7:5 says, "*Do not refuse to give your bodies to each other, unless you both agree to stay away from sexual relations for a time so you can give your time to prayer. Then come together again so Satan cannot tempt you because of a lack of self-control.*"

Galatians 5:22-23 says, "*But the Spirit produces the fruit of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.*"

I Thessalonians 5:6 says, "*So we should not be like other people who are sleeping, but we should be alert and have self-control.*"

James 1:13-15 says, "*Let no one say when he is tempted, 'I am being tempted by God'; for God cannot be tempted by evil, and He Himself does not tempt anyone. But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust. Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death.*"

Conclusion: Why do we allow lust to consume us? Why do we struggle with self-control? We must ask God to forgive us and change. We MUST avoid these seven deadly sins! The only thing that can cleanse us of these sins would be the blood of Jesus Christ. Are you ready to come to Jesus?



THE SEVEN DEADLY SINS:

#7 = GLUTTONY

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Introduction: Have you heard about the seven deadly sins (Pride, Greed, Envy, Wrath, Sloth, Lust, and Gluttony)? People of the Christian faith recognize these seven sins as deadly capital offenses. This will be our last lesson in this particular series, but I pray these lessons have been beneficial to you. I would like for us to study about gluttony together

Discussion:

I. The Reason For Gluttony

- A. Definition of Gluttony:
- B. What should we do when we struggle with gluttony?

II. The Reaction To Gluttony

- A. Gluttony leads to dependence (Proverbs 3:7-8).
- B. Gluttony leads to wickedness (Proverbs 13:25).
- C. Gluttony leads to ignorant behavior (Proverbs 23:1-2).
- D. Gluttony leads to poverty (Proverbs 23:19-21).
- E. Gluttony leads to destruction (Proverbs 25:16, 27-28).
- F. Gluttony leads to shame (Proverbs 28:7).
- G. Gluttony leads to a poor image (Proverbs 30:21-23).

III. The Remedy For Gluttony

- A. The opposing virtue that can defeat lust is contentment.
- B. What does the Bible say about contentment?

Proverbs 15:15 says, "*The poor have a hard life, but being content is as good as an endless feast.*" (CEV)

Ecclesiastes 4:6 says, "*Maybe so, but I say it is better to be content with what little you have. Otherwise, you will always be struggling for more, and that is like chasing the wind.*" (NCV)

II Corinthians 12:10 says, "*Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong.*" (NASB)

Philippians 4:11 says, "*Not that I speak from want, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am.*" (NASB)

I Timothy 6:6 says, "*But godliness with contentment is great gain.*" (NIV)

I Timothy 6:8 says, "*But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these.*" (HCSB)

Hebrews 13:5 says, "*Make sure that your character is free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, 'I WILL NEVER DESERT YOU, NOR WILL I EVER FORSAKE YOU.'*" (NASB)

Conclusion: Why do we allow gluttony to consume us? Why do we struggle with contentment? We must ask God to forgive us and change. We MUST avoid these seven deadly sins! I pray that God will bless you for staying away from these vices. The only thing that can cleanse us of these sins would be the blood of Jesus Christ. Are you ready to come to Jesus?