



The “Seven Deadly Sins”

Greed, Lust, Gluttony, Sloth, Anger, Envy and Pride

Why are these particular sins so deadly?

These sins _____.

What are we to do?

- _____ suggest that sin could be controlled if we all just try to get along with each other.
- _____ suggest that sin is a problem to be solved in the brain. We need to reform our thinking and clarify our values.
- _____ claim that our sin problem might be in our genes. We are genetically wired to be a sinner or a saint.
- _____ claim that sin is a result of our social systems. If we just elect the right political party, they will fix society and eliminate crime, poverty and disease.
- _____ tells us that we need to touch the screen, demand our demons to leave, and send them a monthly donation to affirm our healing.

Matthew, one of the disciples in Jesus’ inner circle, wrote this:

(The angel of the Lord said) Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.

Matthew 1:20-21 (NASB)

- If that is true, then we have permission to discard our masks, acknowledge our sinfulness, and live authentically in the knowledge that Jesus has come to save sinners like us.

The Deadly Sin of Envy

Envy is not _____.
 Jealousy wants the same thing someone else has.
 Envy wants what the other person has, and at the same time
 wants the other person to be _____ it.

Biblical Examples:

- **Cain and Abel**

When they grew up, Abel became a shepherd, while Cain cultivated the ground. When it was time for the harvest, Cain presented some of his crops as a gift to the LORD. Abel also brought a gift—the best portions of the firstborn lambs from his flock. The LORD accepted Abel and his gift, but he did not accept Cain and his gift. This made Cain very angry, and he looked dejected...

One day Cain suggested to his brother, “Let’s go out into the fields.” And while they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother, Abel, and killed him. Genesis 4:2-5, 8 (NLT)

- **David**

After David fought Goliath, he became more popular than King Saul. Overcome with envy, Saul makes several attempts to kill David. Story found in 1 Samuel 17,18, 19

- **Naboth, King Ahab and Queen Jezebel**

Naboth owned a vineyard next to palace of the corrupt King Ahab and Queen Jezebel. Envious of Naboth’s vineyard, King Ahab wanted to buy it, but Naboth wouldn’t sell. Queen Jezebel devised a plan and hired two villains to falsely accuse Naboth of cursing both God and the King. Naboth was convicted of the trumped up charges and killed. Story found in 1 Kings 21

Proverbs 14:30

A heart at peace gives life to the body, but envy rots the bones. (NIV)

It’s healthy to be content, but envy can eat you up. (CEV)

How Do We Stop the Bone-Rotting Death of Envy?

1. Regularly _____ for what you have.

King David said...

I will always thank you, God, for what you have done; in the presence of your people I will proclaim that you are good. Psalm 52:9 (GN)

Paul said...

I have learned to be satisfied with the things I have and with everything that happens. I know how to live when I am poor, and I know how to live when I have plenty. I have learned the secret of being happy at any time in everything that happens, when I have enough to eat and when I go hungry, when I have more than I need and when I do not have enough. I can do all things through Christ, because he gives me strength. Philippians 4:11-13 (NCV)

2. Remind yourself that the things we have in this life are _____.

**Envy destroys life. God gives life.
Envy crucifies the life God gave you.
God promises resurrection.
Live free and be thankful.**

