

Seven Deadly Sins

Gluttony

1. what is gluttony?

If you find honey, eat just enough — too much of it, and you will vomit. *Proverbs 25v16*

2. is gluttony a sin?

Even one of their own prophets has said, "Cretans are always liars, evil brutes, lazy gluttons." *Titus 1v12*

For it is from within, out of a person's heart, that evil thoughts come—sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed... *Mark 7v21,22*

Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed... *Luke 12v15*

They have become filled with every kind of... greed... *Romans 1v29*

For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person—such a person is an idolater—has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ. *Ephesians 5v5*

Do not be deceived: Neither... the greedy nor drunkards... will inherit the kingdom of God. *1 Corinthians 6v10*

So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. *1 Corinthians 10v31*

The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and you say, 'Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.' *Luke 7v34*

3. what does the Bible say about the food issue?

Food is not bad

God richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. *1 Timothy 6v17*

Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb! *Revelation 19v9*

Our relationship with food is connected with our spiritual state.

When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. *Genesis 3v6*

"Quick, let me have some of that red stew! I'm famished!" Jacob replied, "First sell me your birthright." "Look, I am about to die," Esau said. "What good is the birthright to me?" He ate and drank, and then got up and left. So Esau despised his birthright. *Genesis 25v30,34*

The rabble with them began to crave other food, and again the Israelites started wailing and said, "If only we had meat to eat!

We remember the fish we ate in Egypt at no cost—also the cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions and garlic. But now we have lost our appetite; we never see anything but this manna! *Numbers 11v4-6*

Now a wind went out from the LORD and drove quail in from the sea. It brought them down all around the camp to about three feet above the ground, as far as a day's walk in any direction. All that day and night and all the next day the people went out and gathered quail. But while the meat was still between their teeth and before it could be consumed, the anger of the LORD burned against the people, and he struck them with a severe plague. Therefore the place was named Kibroth Hattaavah... (=graves of craving) *Numbers 11v31-34*

Eli's sons were wicked men; they had no regard for the LORD.

Now it was the practice of the priests with the people that whenever anyone offered a sacrifice and while the meat was being boiled, the servant of the priest would come with a three-pronged fork in his hand. He would plunge it into the pan or kettle or cauldron or pot, and the priest would take for himself whatever the fork brought up. This is how they treated all the Israelites who came to Shiloh. But even before the fat was burned, the servant of the priest would come and say to the man who was sacrificing, "Give the priest some meat to roast; he won't accept boiled meat from you, but only raw." If the man said to him, "Let the fat be burned up first, and then take whatever you want," the servant would then answer, "No, hand it over now; if you don't, I'll take it by force." This sin of the young men was very great in the lord's sight, for they were treating the lord's offering with contempt. *1 Samuel 2v12,17*

He who keeps the law is a discerning son, but a companion of gluttons disgraces his father. *Proverbs 28v7*

Do not join those who drink too much wine or gorge themselves on meat, for drunkards and gluttons become poor, and drowsiness clothes them in rags. *Proverbs 23v20-21*

The Lord, the LORD Almighty, called you on that day to weep and to wail, to tear out your hair and put on sackcloth. But see, there is joy and revelry, slaughtering of cattle and killing of sheep, eating of meat and drinking of wine! "Let us eat and drink," you say, "for tomorrow we die!" *Isaiah 22v12-13*

Now this was the sin of your 'sister' Sodom: She and her daughters were arrogant, overfed and unconcerned: they did not help the poor and needy. They were haughty and did detestable things before me. *Ezekiel 16v49-50*

For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: whose end is destruction, whose god is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame — who set their mind on earthly things. *Philippians 3v18-19 NKJV*

Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. *Matthew 4v4*

²⁶Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, you are looking for me, not because you saw miraculous signs but because you ate the loaves and had your fill.

²⁷"Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. On him God the Father has placed his seal of approval."

³⁰So they asked him, "What miraculous sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do?"

³¹"Our forefathers ate the manna in the desert; as it is written: 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'"

³²Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven.

³⁵Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty.

⁴⁷I tell you the truth, he who believes has everlasting life.

⁴⁸I am the bread of life. *John 6*

4. how do we deal with greed?

New start

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness *John 1v19*

Keep yourselves from idols! *John 5v21*

New standard

Everything is permissible for me—but not everything is beneficial. Everything is permissible for me—but I will not be mastered by anything. "Food for the stomach and the stomach for food"—but God will destroy them both.

You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honour God with your body. *1 Corinthians 6v12-13 & v20*

So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. *1 Corinthians 10v31*

New strength

The fruit of the Spirit is... self-control. *Galatians 5v23*

New satisfaction

You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek You; I thirst for You, my whole being longs for You, in a dry and parched land where there is no water. I will be fully satisfied as with the richest of foods; with singing lips my mouth will praise You. *Psalms 63v1,5*

"Whether you eat or drink, whatever you do, do it all to the glory of God, and you will find in him the satisfaction that food can never give."