

Seven Deadly Sins

Sloth

1. what is sloth?

They get into the habit of being idle and going about from house to house. And not only do they become idlers, but also gossips and busybodies, saying things they ought not to. *1 Timothy 5v13*

He went out about the third hour and saw others standing idle in the marketplace... *Matthew 20v3,6 NKJV*

We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised. *Hebrews 6v12*

2. how do we recognise sloth?

Proverbs...

The sluggard is wiser in his own eyes than seven men who answer discreetly. *26v16*

Laziness brings on deep sleep, and the shiftless man goes hungry. *19v15*

As a door turns on its hinges, so a sluggard turns on his bed. *26v14*

The sluggard says, "There is a lion outside!" or, "I will be murdered in the streets!" *22v13*

The sluggard says, "There is a lion in the road, a fierce lion roaming the streets!" *26v13*

How long will you lie there, you sluggard? When will you get up from your sleep? A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest—and poverty will come on you like a bandit and scarcity like an armed man. *6v9-10*

The lazy man does not roast his game, but the diligent man prizes his possessions. *12v27*

The sluggard buries his hand in the dish; he will not even bring it back to his mouth! *19v24*

The sluggard buries his hand in the dish; he is too lazy to bring it back to his mouth. *26v15*

As vinegar to the teeth and smoke to the eyes, so is a sluggard to those who send him. *10v26*

The way of the sluggard is blocked with thorns, but the path of the upright is a highway. *15v19*

A sluggard does not plough in season; so at harvest time he looks but finds nothing. *20v4*

I went past the field of the sluggard, past the vineyard of the man who lacks judgment; thorns had come up everywhere, the ground was covered with weeds, and the stone wall was in ruins. *24v30-31*

3. is sloth a sin?

By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. *Genesis 2v2*

Jesus ? answered them, "My Father has been working until now, and I have been working." *John 5v17*

The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. *Genesis 2v15*

It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him. *Genesis 2v18*

You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. *Mark 12v30*

⁶In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we command you, brothers, to keep away from every brother who is idle and does not live according to the teaching you received from us. ⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example. We were not idle when we were with you, ⁸nor did we eat anyone's food without paying for it. On the contrary, we worked night and day, labouring and toiling so that we would not be a burden to any of you. ⁹We did this, not because we do not have the right to such help, but in order to make ourselves a model for you to follow.

¹⁰For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: "If a man will not work, he shall not eat." ¹¹We hear that some among you are idle. They are not busy; they are busybodies. ¹²Such people we command and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down and earn the bread they eat. *2 Thessalonians 3v6-12*

4. why is sloth a deadly sin?

³You put off the evil day and bring near a reign of terror.

⁴You lie on beds inlaid with ivory and lounge on your couches.

You dine on choice lambs and fattened calves.

⁵You strum away on your harps like David and improvise on musical instruments.

⁶You drink wine by the bowlful and use the finest lotions, but you do not grieve over the ruin of Joseph.

⁷Therefore you will be among the first to go into exile; your feasting and lounging will end.

Make every effort to enter through the narrow door... *Luke 13v24*

You wicked, kazy servant! *Matthew 25v26*

One evening David got up from his bed and walked around on the roof of the palace. From the roof he saw a woman bathing. The woman was very beautiful... *2 Samuel 11v2*

Cretans are always liars, evil brutes, lazy gluttons. *Titus 1v12*

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We hear that some among you are idle. They are not busy; they are busybodies. *2 Thessalonians 3v11*

For every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. *Matthew 12v36 NKJV*

Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider its ways and be wise! It has no commander, no overseer or ruler, yet it stores its provisions in summer and gathers its food at harvest. *Proverbs 3v6-8*

5. what must we do about sloth?

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1v9*

See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. *Ephesians 5-16 NKJV*

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

Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervour, serving the Lord. *Romans 12v11*

Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labour in the Lord is not in vain. *1 Corinthians 15v58*

Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. *Matthew 25v34*

*"Let us love the Lord with all our heart, soul, mind and strength,
banishing laziness and serving Christ who loved us and
finished all the work the Father gave him to do."*