

SEVEN – part 1
Seven deadly Vices & Seven Lively Virtues
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SERIES INTRODUCTION

3 QUESTIONS

What is a vice? A moral weakness

What is a sin? To miss God's best

Romans 3:23 (NLT) "... everyone has sinned; we all fall short..."

What is a virtue? Moral excellence

Seven Vices - Seven Virtues

lust – Chastity

gluttony – Temperance

greed – Charity

sloth – Diligence

wrath – Patience

envy – Kindness

pride – Humility

Week One: Lust Vs Chastity

Sexual perversion is an ill-fated attempt to meet the God given need to be loved.
(Trying to meet a righteous need in an unrighteous way.)

Lust – a strong desire for physical gratification outside of God's will

Chastity – making godly decisions about your sexuality

The power of the chemical Dopamine

1Thes 4:3-5 (NIV) "It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; that each of you should learn to control his own body in a way that is holy and honorable, not in passionate lust like the heathen, who do not know God."

BREAKING SEXUAL STRONGHOLDS & WALKING IN PURITY

Start with a cleansing of the old

"...you should be sanctified..."

1 Cor 1:2 (NIV) "To the church of God... to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be holy..."

Sanctified: Set apart from the world to God

Walk in a new direction

"...avoid sexual immorality..."

Breaking emotional/spiritual ties

Job 31:1 (NIV) "I made a covenant with my eyes not to look lustfully at a girl."

2 Tim 2:22 (KJV) "Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart."

Practice self-control

"...that each of you should learn to control his own body..."

Gal 5:22-23 (NIV) "But the fruit of the Spirit is... self-control."

Gal 5:16 (NIV) "So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature."

RELEASING THE POWER OF PURITY

Psalms 119:9-11 (NIV) "How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word. I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you."

Follow what God says → find protection → walk in purity