



January 9, 2022

## Seven Deadly Sins Intro

**Acts 26:17–18 (NLT)**

**... Yes, I am sending you to the Gentiles 18 to open their eyes, so they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God. Then they will receive forgiveness for their sins and be given a place among God's people, who are set apart by faith in me.**

Opener: As we start to learn about the seven deadly sins, fill in and think about this statement: Before becoming a Christian, I struggled with \_\_\_\_\_, and as a Christian I find \_\_\_\_\_ a temptation. If you are comfortable, share your answers.

1. Review the seven deadly sins Pastor Chuck described this week and think about which deadly sin was the most prominent in your life and how has Jesus turned it into a virtue?
2. Pastor Chuck said the most prominent deadly sin is typically the "thing behind the thing". What are some thoughts, words, actions, behaviors, or habits that might be hiding the sin you struggle with today? Think about which deadly sin it falls under and how can you start to allow Jesus to turn "the thing" into a virtue?
3. Read Genesis 3:1-4. We can see the enemy is sneaky and deceitful in the ways he lies to us just as he was with Eve. The enemy uses the same tactics over and over again because we do not know or realize the enemy's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. In what ways has the enemy lied or is lying to you about your sin and is keeping you in bondage?

Action point: God is madly in love with us and wants us to live a virtuous life free of bondage and Jesus is the way to live this life. As you go forth today, think about the people in your life who do not believe in Jesus and are at the hand of the enemy. Think about who the non-believers are in your life. How can you help them become aware of the power the enemy has over them?



January 16, 2022

### **Seven Deadly Sins Pride**

**Acts 26:17–18 (NLT)**

**... Yes, I am sending you to the Gentiles 18 to open their eyes, so they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God. Then they will receive forgiveness for their sins and be given a place among God's people, who are set apart by faith in me.**

Opener: As we dig deeper into the deadly sin of Pride, what is your understanding of this sin and is this an area that you find yourself battling with?

1. Read Proverbs 6:16-19. As you read the things the Lord hates, do any of these apply to you? How does Pride birth all these other sins?
2. Read 1 Peter 5:5-7. What is the opposite of Pride? Do you feel that it is sometimes difficult to clothe yourself with humility toward one another? What are ways you can start turning your pride into humility?
3. Read Proverbs 16:18. It is easy to fall into these things the Lord hates, what areas can in our life fall and be destroyed? Read Proverbs 22:4, The Lord is faithful and gives us the strength to overcome our sins. He asks for True Humility, what does this mean to you?

Action point: As you go about your week, examine yourself and catch the areas that may lead you into Pride. Don't let temptation lead you to a path of sin, humble yourself and be led to a life of riches, honor and long life.