## THE PHRASE "7 DEADLY SINS"

## INTRODUCTION

All sin is "deadly:" (Romans 3:23) "For the wages of sin is death"

(Galatians 5:19-21) lists 18 "works of the flesh" that may rob us of the joys of heaven.

The Bible does not single out these "7" as "deadly" above all other sins.

1. PRIDE - haughty; puffed up; conceited; exaggerated opinion of self

(Philippians 2:1-8; 1 Peter 5:5-6)
Jesus is the example of humility; demonstrated in service or ministry to others.

2. GREED - avarice; excessive or inordinate love of possessions; covet, fix, crave things in a manner that takes you away from God; hoard blessings; heart follows the treasure.

(Ephesians 4:28; Matthew 6:19-20)

3. ENVY - jealousy; resentment; feeling ill-will because of another's advantage; (Proverbs 14:30) "Envy is rottenness of the bones"

(1 Corinthians 13:4) "love does not envy" (Philippians 4:11-12) "I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content" (Hebrews 13:5) "Let your living be without covetousness"

4. WRATH - uncontrolled anger or rage at someone; outburst; wild provocation.

(James 1:20) "for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God" (Proverbs 14:29) "He who is slow to wrath has great understanding" (Ephesians 4:26) "Be angry, and do not sin"

5. LUST - inordinate desire, a longing, or habitual craving; self-destructive desire; unrestrained desire to satisfy the senses; excessive wanting.

(Romans 13:14) "But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts."

(1 Corinthians 9:27) "But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified."

6. GLUTTONY - excessive indulgence; way too much; overly full.

(Philippians 4:5) "Let your gentleness ("moderation") be known to all men" (Galatians 5:22-23) "But the fruit of the Spirit is ... self-control. Against such there is no law."

7. SLOTH - abhor the work ethic; idleness when there's work to do; sluggard.

(Proverbs 19:15, 26:15-16; Ecclesiastes 10:18)