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KILLER SINS

"I devour" & "I cling"
2 types of excess

"I DEVOUR"
and
"I CLING"

Two forms of excess
(or misplaced focus)

✓ A tendency for excess or misplaced focus.

+ [excess] Too much emphasis on something good – thus making it not good.

- [misplaced focus] Greater emphasis on things of lesser importance – neglecting things of greater importance.

BECAUSE OF THIS,
MOST SCRIPTURE REFERENCES TO THESE CONCEPTS
DESCRIBE THEM AS SIN.

✓ Not an expression of LOVE for God and neighbor!

❖ Some might be a *distortion* of things God originally intended for "GOOD."

❖ This contrasts with the concept "I CRAVE," which can easily apply to both good and evil things.



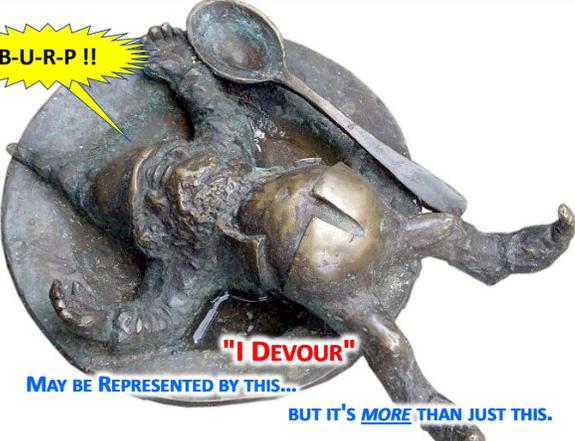
OF THE
"7 DEADLY SINS,"
WE NORMALLY ASSOCIATE:

- "I DEVOUR" with **GLUTTONY**
- and -
- "I CLING" with **GREED**.

THESE "DEADLY SINS" REPRESENT A **RANGE** OF ACTIONS AND ATTITUDES – using an obvious example from within the category.

"7 DEADLY SINS"

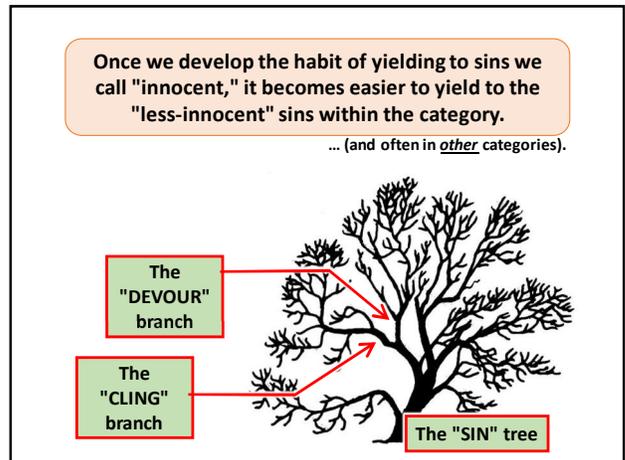
1. Lust
2. Gluttony
3. Greed
4. Sloth
5. Wrath
6. Envy
7. Pride



B-U-R-P !!

"I DEVOUR"

MAY BE REPRESENTED BY THIS...
BUT IT'S MORE THAN JUST THIS.



I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY I CAN'T HAVE VICTORY OVER THIS "BIG" SIN!

Yielding to "little" sins makes it easier to yield to "big" sins.

MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE YOU KEPT PRACTICING WITH THIS "LITTLE" SIN.

The "SIN" tree

SIN IS LIKE CANCER.
IF YOU GIVE IT A CHANCE, IT WILL GROW AND SPREAD.

BEFORE

[DOCTOR] THERE IS A LITTLE SPOT OF CANCER ON YOU. IT NEEDS REMOVED.

[PATIENT] NO! SOMETHING THAT SMALL CAN'T HURT ME!

AFTER

[PATIENT] I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY I'M COVERED WITH CANCER SPOTS!

[DOCTOR] BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T REMOVE IT WHEN IT WAS SMALL.

"Is it REALLY THAT SERIOUS?"

- ✓ Small sins might not always turn into big ones... but that's where the big ones start.
- ✓ Small sins are enough to create an eternal barrier between us and God... the big ones just make matters worse.

EXAMPLE #1 – "I DEVOUR"

"The Rich Glutton"

- ✓ A focus on pleasure, satisfaction and happiness ...
- ✓ He forgot "love for neighbor."

* THE RICH GLUTTON *
(HE'S IN HERE!)

There was a rich man ... Every day was like a party to him.

There was also a beggar named Lazarus who ... would have eaten any scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Lazarus was covered with sores, and dogs would lick them.

Luke 16:19-21 (GW)

* THE PARTY'S OVER *
(NO LONGER IN HERE.)

One day the beggar died, and the angels carried him to be with Abraham.

The rich man also died and was buried. He went to hell, where he was constantly tortured.

Luke 16:22-23a (GW)

Full text: Luke 16:19-23a (GW); quotation marks removed.

EXAMPLE #2 – "I CLING"

"The Rich Greedy Person"

- ✓ A focus on security, and self-sufficiency ...
- ✓ He forgot "love for God."

* THE RICH GREEDY PERSON *

A rich man's land was very productive.

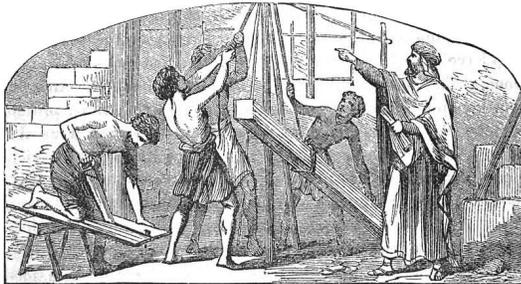
He thought to himself, "What should I do, since I don't have anywhere to store my crops?"

Luke 12:16b-17 (CSB)



"I will do this," he said. "I'll tear down my barns and build bigger ones and store all my grain and my goods there."

Luke 12:18 (CSB)



"Then I'll say to myself, 'You have many goods stored up for many years.'



Take it easy; eat, drink, and enjoy yourself.' "

Luke 12:19 (CSB)



But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is demanded of you. And the things you have prepared—whose will they be?"

That's how it is with the one who stores up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.

Luke 12:20-21 (CSB)



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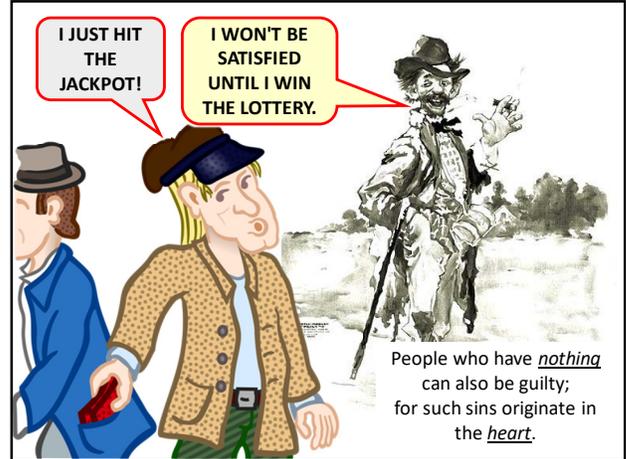
"DISCLAIMER"

- ✓ These two examples involved rich people.
- ✓ But these are not merely "rich-people" sins. The rest of us are capable of committing them.

W-O-W!!

THEY MUST HAVE ROOMS FILLED WITH BARS OF GOLD!





This week...

**What sins do you struggle with?
What sins bother you?**

Is there any relationship between –

➤ Sins that you struggle with.

>> and <<

➤ Sins you may consider too little to be significant.

**If you want to follow Jesus,
do any of your views about sin need to change?**

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