



THE SEVEN DEADLY SINS
“NUMBER 4—LAZINESS”
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THE FOURTH DEADLY SIN IS “LAZINESS.” WHILE WE USE THE CONTEMPORARY WORD “LAZY”, THE BIBLE USUALLY USES THE WORD “SLOTH.” THIS FATAL SIN USUALLY REARS ITS UGLY HEAD WHEN WE FAIL TO PUT THE NECESSARY ENERGY INTO BUILDING AND MAINTAINING HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS, WHEN OUR WILL HAS GIVEN UP INTEREST IN PURSUING A MEANINGFUL LIFE, WHEN WE FAIL TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR FINDING OUT WHAT IS GOING ON IN OUR WORLD, AND WHEN OUR SPIRITUAL RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD BECOMES CLOUDY.

I. THE ATTRIBUTES OF LAZINESS

THE BIBLICAL DEFINITION FOR “LAZINESS” OR BEING SLOTHFUL INVOLVES TWO COMPONENTS:

- 1—INDIFFERENCE TO ONE’S RESPONSIBILITIES TO GOD AND TO MAN
- 2---SADNESS AND SORROW LEADING TO DESPAIR

LAZINESS IS ESPECIALLY SINFUL WHEN IT BECOMES AN HABITUAL ATTITUDE AND WAY OF LIFE.

II. THE ARENA OF LAZINESS

- A. RELATIONSHIPS
- B. PURPOSE
- C. RESPONSIBILITY
- D. SPIRITUALITY

III. THE ACCOUNTABILITY OF LAZINESS

THE HABITUALLY LAZY PERSON HAS LOST ALL SENSE OF ACCOUNTABILITY TO OTHERS AND TO GOD HIMSELF. WE MUST NEVER FORGET THAT ONE DAY WE WILL ALL STAND BEFORE THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF THE LORD AND GIVE AN ACCOUNT OF HOW WE LIVED OUR LIVES.

IV. THE ANTIDOTE FOR LAZINESS

ONE ANTIDOTE FOR THE SIN OF LAZINESS IS TO REMIND OURSELVES OF OUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS. GOD EXPECTS US TO USE THEM FOR HIS GLORY AND FOR THE BENEFIT OF OTHERS. ANOTHER ANTIDOTE IS TO REMIND OURSELVES THAT JESUS DIED FOR US. THAT MAKES US VALUABLE IN HIS EYES, AND THEREFORE WORTHY TO BE DOING SOMETHING MEANINGFUL.
ANOTHER ANTIDOTE IS TO JUST GET UP AND DO SOMETHING.