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**SOUTH POINT  
BAPTIST CHURCH**

*Finding God's Direction for Life*



**THE SEVEN DEADLY SINS**

**NUMBER ONE: "PRIDE"**

**PROV. 16:18; JAMES 4:6-10**

THE "SEVEN DEADLY SINS" WERE IDENTIFIED LONG AGO BY OUR CHRISTIAN FOREFATHERS. WE WILL NOT FIND THESE SEVEN SINS LISTED CONSECUTIVELY ANYWHERE IN SCRIPTURE, BUT THEY ARE ALL SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE WORD OF GOD.

OUR FOCUS OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS WILL BE ON THE POWER TO OVERCOME THESE SINS. WE WILL LEARN HOW TO CALL ON THE POWER OF GOD TO AVOID THE ALLUREMENTS OF THESE SINS WHICH CAN RUIN OUR SPIRITUAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LORD AND WITH OTHERS.

THE FIRST OF THESE "DEADLY SINS" IS A SPIRITUAL CANCER CALLED "PRIDE."

**I. THE PROBLEM WITH PRIDE**

PRIDE IS ONE OF THOSE THINGS WHICH CAN HAVE BOTH A POSITIVE AND A NEGATIVE MEANING. IN A POSITIVE SENSE, IT CAN MEAN "A REASONABLE SELF-RESPECT." IN THE NEGATIVE SENSE, IT CAN MEAN "AN IMPROPER AND EXCESSIVE SELF-ESTEEM WHICH IS ALSO KNOWN AS CONCEIT OR ARROGANCE."

**PRIDE DECEIVES THE HEART (JER. 49:16)**

**PRIDE BRINGS CONTENTION AND STRIFE (PROV. 13:10; 28:25)**

**C. PRIDE SEPARATES US FROM GOD (PROV. 16:5)**

**II. THE WAY TO OVERCOME PRIDE IS TO BE FILLED WITH HUMILITY (JAMES 4: 6-10)**

GOD SETS HIMSELF AS AN ADVERSARY AGAINST THE PROUD. HE DEALS WITH THEM IN A MANNER AS TO DEFEAT THEIR PLANS AND FRUSTRATE THEIR AIMS.

THE BIBLE INDICATES THAT THE HUMBLE ARE THE SPECIAL OBJECTS OF GOD'S CONCERN AND BLESSING. GOD SHOWS HIS FAVOR TOWARD THEM. HE ENRICHES THEM SPIRITUALLY. HE GRANTS THEM DELIVERANCE, STRENGTH, FORGIVENESS, AND ALL ELSE THAT IS NEEDFUL FOR THE LIVING OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE.

ARE WE CONSISTENTLY GUILTY OF THIS FIRST DEADLY SIN? IF SO, THEN WE HAVE SERIOUS PROBLEMS BOTH WITH THE LORD AND WITH OTHERS. THE ONLY WAY TO DEAL WITH IT IS TO HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE GOD AND OUR FELLOWMAN.