

Three Deadly Sins

1Jn 2:16 For all that *is* in the world, the **lust of the flesh**, and the **lust of the eyes**, and the **pride of life**, is not of the Father, but **is of the world**. **17** And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

Gen 3:6 And when the woman saw that the tree *was* **good for food** (*lust of the flesh*), and that it *was* **pleasant to the eyes** (*lust of the eyes*), and a tree **to be desired to make one wise** (*pride of life*), she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

It can be said of **Eve** that in committing that first sin, she committed three.

- In the world- the world is through which **Satan** influences.

G2889 κόσμος kosmos *kos'-mos*

Probably from the base of [G2865](#); orderly *arrangement*, that is, *decoration*; by implication **the world** (in a wide or narrow sense, **including its inhabitants**, literally or figuratively [morally]): - adorning, world.

- Lust-

G1939 ἐπιθυμία epithumia *ep-ee-thoo-mee'-ah*

From [G1937](#); a **longing** (**especially for what is forbidden**): - concupiscence, desire, lust (after).

- Of the flesh-

G4561 σὰρξ sarx *sarx*

Probably from the base of [G4563](#); *flesh* (as *stripped* of the skin), that is, (strictly) the *meat* of an animal (as food), or (by extension) **the body** (as opposed to the soul (or spirit), or as the symbol of what is external, or as the means of kindred, or (by implication) **human nature (with its frailties (physically or morally) and passions)**, or (specifically) a **human being** (as such): - **carnal** (-ly, + -ly **minded**), flesh ([-ly]).

Gal 5:19 Now the **works of the flesh** are manifest, which are *these*; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, **20** Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, **21** Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, **and such like**: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told *you* in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

Gal 6:8 For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

 Pro 30:7 Two *things* have I required of Thee; deny me *them* not before I die: 8 Remove far from me vanity and lies: **give me neither poverty nor riches**; feed me with food convenient for me: 9 Lest I be full, and deny *Thee*, and say, Who *is* the LORD? or lest I be poor, and steal, and take the name of my God *in vain*.

Mat 6:21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart (*Gk.2588-mind*) be also.

 • Of the eyes-

G3788 ὀφθαλμός ophthalmos *of-thal-mos'*

From **G3700**; the *eye* (literally or figuratively); by implication *vision*; figuratively **envy** (**from the jealous side glance**): - eye, sight.

Mat 5:28 But I say unto you, That whosoever **looketh** on a woman (*or man*) **to lust...** (Sin by, Jesus' description, is no longer one that is carried out, but can be committed in the mind without even doing anything.)

 Rom 14:12 So then every one of us shall **give account** of himself to God. 13 Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that **no man put a stumblingblock** or **an occasion to fall** in (*his*) brother's way.

• No man-

G3762 οὐδείς oudeis *oo-dice'*

Including the feminine οὐδεμία oudemia

oo-dem-ee'-ah and the neuter οὐδέν ouden *oo-den'*

From **G3761** and **G1520**; **not even one** (**man, woman** or thing), that is, **none, nobody, nothing**: ...

Rom 14:14 I know, and am persuaded by the Lord Jesus, that *there is* nothing unclean of itself (*speaking of foods*): but to him that esteemeth any thing to be unclean, to him *it is* unclean. 15 But if thy brother be **grieved with thy meat** (*or dress*), now walkest thou not charitably (*unloving*). Destroy not him with thy meat, **for whom Christ died**.

Rom 14:19 Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith **one may edify another**. (*Do we edify a brother when we grieve him?*)

Rom 14:21 *It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor **any thing** (including the way we dress) whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak.* 22 Hast thou faith? have *it* to thyself before God. Happy *is* he that **condemneth not himself** in that thing which he alloweth.

1Co 8:12 But when ye sin so against the brethren, and **wound their weak conscience, ye sin against Christ.**

- What would Jesus say about:

- 1 what I'm wearing? (*would it cause a brother/sister to lust with their eyes?*)
- 2 where I'm going? (*be careful in saying it's to seek the lost!*)
- 3 who my closest friends are? (*how do they influence you? ...do you pray when sitting at a meal with them?*)
- 4 my attendance for worship and Bible study? (*do I consider other activities [even charitable in nature] more important than being in the assembly?*)
- 5 what I'm reading? (*am I reading "smutt" novels or magazines?*)

Some ways we can prevent these first two deadly sins.

1Pe 3:1 Likewise, ye wives, *be* in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won **by the conversation** (*Gk.391-behavior*) **of the wives**; 2 While they behold your **chaste** (*Gk.52-clean, innocent, modest*) conversation *coupled* with fear (*Gk.5401-fob'-os-be afraid*).

- In this case she is to be afraid she might not convert her husband by her behavior. From the close observation of her husband, he would be able to form an evaluation of her behavior and attribute such to **Christianity**.

1Pe 3:3 Whose adorning let it not be that outward *adorning* of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; 4 But *let it be* the hidden man of the heart (*mindset [as one thinks, so one does]*), in that which is not corruptible (*good can be found in anyone created in the image of God*), *even the ornament* of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.

- The **Christian** woman's adornment was **not** to be emphasized by her outward appearance. Nor is this to be taken literally because if so, women would not be permitted to wear clothing (KJV). The apostle does not forbid the wearing of jewels or **modest** apparel, but admonishes these to be regarded as worthless in comparison to the graces which adorn the **Christian** character and thus determine one's worth in **God's** sight. **Overly jeweled** or **scantly clad** are two adjectives that a Christian woman (**or man**) do **not** want attributed the their character.

1Pe 3:5 For **after this manner** (*in this way*) in the old time (*O.T.*) the holy (*Gk.40-morally blameless*) women also, who trusted in God, **adorned themselves**, being in subjection (*Gk.5293-subordinate, to obey, be subject to*) unto their own husbands:

- Wearing modest clothing and being of a godly mindset wives are to be the "help meets" (**Gen 2:18** *aid mate*) of the husbands.

1Ti 2:13 For Adam was **first formed, then** Eve. **14** And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.

Gen 3:16 Unto the woman he said, ... thy desire *shall be* to thy husband, and he shall rule over (**Heb.4910**-*have dominion, governor*) thee.

But husbands are not to take this passage as "wives are to be their slaves". It is stating that as **Christian** wives they are to show respect for their husbands through their outward presentation (*i.e. modest dress*) and also their inward godly attributes.

- 6** Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement.

1Ti 2:9 **In like manner** also, that women (*now speaking of the N.T.*) **adorn themselves in modest apparel**, with **shamefacedness** (**Gk.127**-*bashfulness [toward men], modesty*) and **sobriety** (**Gk.4997**-*soundness of mind, self control*); **not with** broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly (**or scant**) array; **10 But** (which becometh women professing [*assert something respecting oneself*] godliness [*devoutness, piety*]) **with** good works.

1Pe 3:7 **Likewise, ye (Christian) husbands**, dwell with *them* according to knowledge, giving honour (**Gk.5092**-*esteem [especially of the highest degree], dignity*) unto the wife, as unto the weaker (**Gk.772**-*strengthless [in various applications, literally, or figuratively and morally]*) vessel (**Gk.4632**-*specifically a wife as contributing to the usefulness of the husband*), and as being **heirs together** of the grace of life; that your **prayers be not hindered**.

- Just as a husband is to be the spiritual leader of his household a wife has a lot to do with her husband's social standing (in and outside the church).

Pro 31:10 Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price *is* far above rubies. **11** The heart (**Heb.3820**-*intellect*) of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil. **12** She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life.

Pro 31:23 **Her husband is known in the gates**, when he sitteth among the elders of the land.

- **Heirs together**- **Gk.4789**-*participant in common* speaking as if both are **Christians** or "can" be according to the wife's good behavior (v. 1) or visa versa if the husband is first to be converted.
- **Hindered**- **Gk.1581**-*frustrate*. **Webster**-cause to have no effect, prevent from achieving a goal. As the husband and wife dwell together in knowledge and mutual respect for one another, **God** will hear their prayers.

1Co 7:4 The wife hath not power of her own body, but the husband: and likewise also the husband hath not power of his own body, but the wife. 5 Defraud ye not one the other, except *it be* with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan **tempt you not for your incontinency** (*Gk.192-want of self restraint*).

- It should be noted here that self restraint is necessary during any absence in a marriage.

Jas 1:14 But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own **lust** (*longing for the forbidden*), and enticed. 15 Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

Finally, the last of the three deadly sins.

- Pride of life- life, from the Greek word (979), concerns *the present state of existence*.

G212 ἀλαζονεία alazoneia *al-ad-zon-i'-a*

From **G213**; *braggadocio*, that is, (by implication) **self confidence**: - **boasting**, pride.

Jas 4:13 Go to now, ye that say, To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain: 14 Whereas ye know not what *shall be* on the morrow. For what *is* your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. 15 For that ye *ought* to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that. 16 But now **ye rejoice in your boastings: all such rejoicing is evil**. 17 Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth *it* not, to him it is sin.

Gal 6:3 For if a man **think himself to be something**, when he is nothing, **he deceiveth himself**. (*He's pompous!*)

3Jn 1:9 I wrote unto the church: but Diotrephes, who **loveth to have the preeminence** among them, receiveth us not.

1Co 1:27 But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world **to confound the wise**; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; 28 And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, *yea*, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: 29 That **no flesh should glory in His presence**. 30 But of Him are ye in Christ Jesus, Who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: 31 That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, **let him glory in the Lord**.

Gal 6:12 As many as desire to **make a fair shew in the flesh**, they constrain you to be circumcised; only lest they should suffer persecution for the cross of Christ.

13 For neither they themselves who are circumcised keep the law; but desire to have you circumcised, **that they may glory** in your flesh. 14 But God **forbid that I should glory, save (except)** in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by Whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.

- By the above scripture boasting can have a positive or negative side to it. When done in the negative it is sin. Pride is never found in the Bible to be positive in nature. When we use words like pride and proud we use them according to Webster's positive definitions. Pride: dignity and self-respect, satisfaction in something done. Proud: stately, magnificent.

If you have fallen into the trap of these three deadly sins I would advise that you pray about it. If you've never put Christ on in baptism, these and "such like" sins can be washed away by the blood of Christ through your obedience to His will.

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