

"Sloth"

More deadly than a two-toed animal:

Laziness Idleness
Sluggishness Apathy

How much of a sloth will I admit to being?

1 – 2 – 3 – 4 – 5 – 6 – 7 – 8 – 9 – 10
Lazy Diligent

A little dose of reality:

A little sloth tends to be in us all:
Employee sloth
Physical sloth
Relational sloth
Spiritual sloth

The real problem with being a sloth:

It involves some form of missed opportunity
It results in some form of poverty
It leads to some form of death

Slothfulness that kills for eternity: Spiritual laziness

Lethargic worship

Neglected prayer

Abandoned discipleship

Idle ministry

Experiencing a transformation from slothfulness:

Admit to the reality
Ask for God's solution
Apply the disciplines

What will it take to light a fire under me?

Proverbs 10:4

Lazy hands make a man poor,
but diligent hands bring wealth.

Proverbs 12:24

24 Diligent hands will rule,
but laziness ends in slave labor.

Proverbs 19:15

15 Laziness brings on deep sleep,
and the shiftless man goes hungry.

2 Thessalonians 3:6-15

6 In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we command you, brothers, to keep away from every brother who is idle and does not live according to the teaching you received from us. 7 For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example. We were not idle when we were with you, 8 nor did we eat anyone's food without paying for it. On the contrary, we worked night and day, laboring and toiling so that we would not be a burden to any of you. 9 We did this, not because we do not have the right to such help, but in order to make ourselves a model for you to follow. 10 For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: "If a man will not work, he shall not eat."

11 We hear that some among you are idle . They are not busy; they are busybodies. 12 Such people we command and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down and earn the bread they eat. 13 And as for you, brothers, never tire of doing what is right.

14 If anyone does not obey our instruction in this letter, take special note of him. Do not associate with him, in order that he may feel ashamed. 15 Yet do not regard him as an enemy, but warn him as a brother.

Hebrews 6:9-12

9 Even though we speak like this, dear friends, we are confident of better things in your case—things that accompany salvation. 10 God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them. 11 We want each of you to show this same diligence to the very end, in order to make your hope sure. 12 We do not want you to become lazy , but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised.

James 4:17

17 Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins.
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The tradition of the seven deadly sins:

Seven Deadly Vices

Seven Heavenly Virtues

(Sermons yet to be preached)

Anger

Gluttony

Pride

Patience

Temperance

Humility

(Sermons already preached)

Greed

Lust

Envy

Sloth

Charity

Chastity

Kindness

Diligence

Vote for your most "deadly" sin

Which "deadly sin" do you most need to overcome?

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Voting begins at the end of this worship service

Voting ends Monday evening at 12 midnight

The "deadly sin" with the fewest votes will be preached on next Sunday



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