



Seven Deadly Sins of Work

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GROUP ICE BREAKER

What was the best job you have ever had?

REVIEW LAST WEEK'S NEXT STEPS

- I will thank God it's Monday at the start of my workweek.
- I will do my work with all my heart, as if I'm doing it for Jesus.
- I will do my work with the awareness that Jesus is with me.
- I will be humble and learn the truth about myself at work.
- I will not compare my career advancement with others.
- I will expect work to be challenging, where there are problems and difficulty.
- I will do my job as Jesus would do my job.
- I will give myself fully to my work.
- I will view my work as a place where spiritual formation happens.
- I will expand my network by asking the question, "How can I help?"
- I will remember those who cannot find work.
- I will join the work of God in my community, regardless of my age or place of life.

MESSAGE SUMMARY

We all know that our work lives are an important aspect of our day-to-day, but what happens when our work morphs into our identity? Or, what happens when work becomes more of a burden than a blessing? At times, work can become such a cornerstone of our identity that it can move us into destructive habits and behaviors. This week we look at The 7 Deadly Sins of Work. We will examine our lives to see where work may be getting a grip on our hearts and then ask God to help us find forgiveness and freedom.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. This week Matt is talking about the seven deadly sins. What do you think of or what comes to mind when you hear the phrase ‘seven deadly sins’?
2. The first of the seven deadly sins is laziness. How or where does laziness pop up in your work life? Do you find that laziness is an easy mode to slump into at work?
3. Pride is the second of the deadly sins. Matt noted that ‘God is never impressed with someone's job. God is never un-impressed with someone's job. It is just not what He considers.’ How do you understand that statement?
4. The third deadly sin is unethical action. What does unethical action look like in your job, and how do you safeguard yourself from engaging with unethical behavior?
5. Avoiding accountability is the next deadly sin. Do you think this should be included in the list? Is avoiding accountability something you find comes up often in your workplace?
6. The sixth deadly sin is having a bad attitude. Why is an attitude towards work such an important part of our spiritual life?
7. The final deadly sin is 24/7ism. What does it look like to have healthy rhythms in your work and life?
8. If you had to add a deadly sin to your list of work life deadly sins, what would you add?

NEXT STEPS FOR THIS WEEK (COMMIT TO GROW)

Use these as a guide to take your next step and commit to what you learned this week:

- I will be an “and then some” kind of person in my work.
 - I will not treat someone differently based on their job.
 - I will ask the question, “How does my behavior, choices, words, financial life, and treatment of other people reflect the Jesus I follow and the God I serve?”
 - I will keep my priorities straight — God, family, then work.
 - I will do my current job with greater love.
 - I will be accountable for my work, and not make excuses.
 - I will create a daily finish line for work and I will honor the sabbath each week.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

- Proverbs 20:4
 - Deuteronomy 17:19-20
 - Ephesians 4:28
 - Philippians 2:14-16
 - Exodus 32:22-24
 - Exodus 31:1-5
 - Genesis 2:3
 - Matthew 11:28

PRAYER REQUESTS

Take time to share how you can be praying for each other over the next week:

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