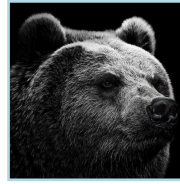




January 24, 2021
Acts 12:19b–23

PRIDE: PUTTING GOD ON TRIAL

The sin of pride puts us over others: our fellow human beings and God. We want to put our will in the place of God's will. When the two do not agree we turn on God rather than submit ourselves to his word. To combat this foundational sin we must practice humility instead. Like Jesus, taking on the nature of a servant.



January 31, 2021
Ephesians 5:8–20

SLOTH: IGNORING GOD

Rest and leisure are good and important things. However, we can slide into spiritual laziness. When we do we do not take time to worship God or attend to our spiritual condition before him. This is why we must diligently attend to the place of God in our lives.



February 7, 2021
Genesis 4:2b–8

WRATH: USURPING GOD'S ROLE

Anger over injustice is good. We even see Jesus become angry in several places. But, we're not Jesus and our anger can too easily give way to wrath. God is the only one who has the godliness to judge. We are called to practice patience over wrath.



February 14, 2021
2 Samuel 11:2–5

LUST: GOD'S LOVE IS NOT ENOUGH

Men and women are designed for one another. Therefore, sexual desire isn't sinful. But, lust is desire disordered. Rather than fulfilling our longing, it leaves us empty and separated from the other. Rather than practicing lust, we are called to be self-controlled.



February 21, 2021
Genesis 25:29–34

GLUTTONY: LIFE IS MORE THAN

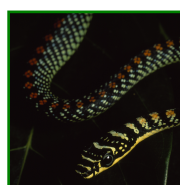
Food and drink are good and necessary for the health of our bodies, but we can easily overindulge those appetites, placing our physical desires over our spiritual good. To combat this we are called to practice forbearance.



February 28, 2012
Luke 12:16–21

GREED: GOD DOESN'T CARE

Greed moves beyond having what we need to live. Instead, it focuses on accumulation to define our self and status. It is ambition gone wrong. We are called to practice kindness instead.



March 7, 2021
Luke 18:9–14

ENVY: GOD MADE ME WRONG

Envy isn't about not having enough stuff. Rather, it is the sense that I am not enough. Seeing things in others that I wish for myself. But, I need to be the only one to have them. I cannot be up until everyone else is down. We are to eschew this and rather learn to be content with the gifts God has given to us.