

SEVEN DEADLY SINS: SLOTH

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MESSAGE RECAP

Sloth is more than simple laziness—it's a silent, spiritual killer. In Scripture, sluggards are warned about the visible signs of neglect, but the deeper danger is a heart that drifts away from God without realizing it. The early church fathers called it *acedia*—a “lack of care” that leaves us spiritually apathetic, numb, and lazy. It's like carbon monoxide for the soul—undetected until the damage is deep. Jesus' parable of the talents reminds us that doing nothing with what He's entrusted is not safe—it's wicked and slothful. God calls us to wake up, remember our purpose, take responsibility for our spiritual growth, and obey without delay.

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. What's one area of life where you tend to procrastinate or “put off” something important? Why do you think that is?
2. Understanding Sloth
 - a. Proverbs 24:30–34 — What do these verses reveal about the consequences of neglect? How can “spiritual neglect” show up in subtle ways?
 - b. How is sloth different from just being physically tired or needing rest?
3. Application Point #1 – Remember You're Created for a Purpose
 - a. Ephesians 2:10 — How does knowing you were created for good works challenge spiritual laziness?
4. Application Point #2 – Draw Near to God
 - a. James 4:8 — What is one practical step you could take this week to draw near to God (prayer, fasting, Scripture, worship)?
5. Application Point #3 – Take Responsibility for Your Spiritual Growth
 - a. Hebrews 5:12–14 — How do these verses challenge the idea of passively “being fed” spiritually?
 - b. What's one way you can take greater ownership of your growth in this season?
6. Application Point #4 – Delayed Obedience is Still Disobedience
 - a. Revelation 3:2–3 — What does Jesus' command to “wake up” mean for you personally?
 - b. Is there something God has been asking you to do that you've been putting off? What's stopping you from obeying now?

PRAY

End your group time in prayer.