

Seven Deadly Sins in Luke 12

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Introduction:

Proverbs 6.16-19 gives us seven things which Solomon calls an abomination to the Lord. These all have to do with one's relationship to others and might be summed up with the number seven (perfect, complete, whole) as a complete illustrative list of common activities between men which God hates.

Luke 12.1-15 we discover another list of seven sins. Perhaps not as closely tied together, but equally deadly.

I) Hypocrisy, v. 1

A) Not speaking of trying and failing, **Proverbs 24.16**

1. Nor of making an effort when your heart is not in it.
2. Paul did not trust in his own righteousness but in God, **2 Corinthians 1.8-9**.
3. There were times when Paul was challenged, preached with fear and trembling, **1 Corinthians 2.3**.

B) Speaking of the sin of "ACTING" instead of being.

1. **Matthew 23.13ff** five of the seven woes falls into this category.
2. Pretend prayers, **v. 14**
3. "Use" of God's law, hate it when someone only quotes the Bible when they can use it to their personal benefit. **V. 23**.

4. Didn't let the word of God into their hearts, **v.25**
5. Focus on the outer man, better to look religious than be religious, **v. 27**
6. Talk a good talk, say the right words, **v. 29ff.**

II) Secret Sins, Luke 12.2

A) "Secrecy" is a wish, but there no such thing, we might be able to hide somethings from some people, but God knows everything.

1. Even if you can hide something for a while, there will come a time when everything will be brought to light, **Ephesians 5.11-13 & Psalm 90.8.**

B) The judgment of God will reveal every "secret" thing, **Romans 2.16, 1 Corinthians 4.5.**

III) Whispering (things you said not for public consumption), v. 3.

A) **Proverbs 26.20-24 sins of the tongue**

1. Talebearer, fervent lips with a wicked heart, deceit are key words.
2. Key things to ask yourself before you say something – is it true, does it help or hurt others, is it anyone else's business, why am I saying this. **2 Corinthians 12.20; 2 Timothy 3.3.**

B) No secrets will last, guard your tongue.

IV) Peer pressure, v. 4-5. See Exodus 23.2.

A) Going along with the crowd, the mob mentality, may encourage evil, *Romans 1.32*.

1. See when a mob starts looting a store, throwing rock through a window, hurting innocent people.
2. See this when people “celebrate” a championship, cars overturned, drunkenness, etc.

B) Just because everyone else is doing it does not make it right, *2 Corinthians 5.10*.

V) Fear (cowardice) v. 8-9

A) Fear of rejection, being different, failure, the future, etc.

1. While fear, reverence for God is good, cowardice is bad.
2. Let’s face it, we have all been afraid one time or another.

B) Fear

1. Will lead us to the second death, *Revelation 21.8*
2. Can be overcome, *2 Corinthians 7.5-6*.
3. With faith and love, *1 John 4.18*

VI) Rejecting God, v. 10

A) Can be done in a number of ways

1. By saying “later”, being “too busy”, wanting to know more, just saying “no”.

B) Result will be the same, *John 12.48*.

VII) Covetousness, v. 13-15.

A) Desiring what belongs to another.

1. Can be a person (coveting someone else's spouse) money, fame, etc.
2. It is a form of idolatry, *Colossians 3.5*.

B) This might be the most widely form of idolatry practiced today.

1. See this with gambling, state lotteries, etc. offers something for nothing.

Conclusion:

God will hold us accountable for our sins.