

- B. **See** eternal significance in what you are doing now.

“Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.” Philippians 4:8

“And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men,” Colossians 3:23

- C. **Stop** making excuses and start doing God’s will.

“The lazy man says, “There is a lion outside! I shall be slain in the streets!” Proverbs 22:13

“He who observes the wind will not sow, And he who regards the clouds will not reap.”

Ecclesiastes 11:4

- D. **Set** some Godly goals.

“6 Go to the ant, you sluggard! Consider her ways and be wise,

7 Which, having no captain, Overseer or ruler, 8 Provides her supplies in the summer, And gathers her food in the harvest.

9 How long will you slumber, O sluggard? When will you rise from your sleep?” Proverbs 6:6-9

“Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as one who beats the air.”

I Corinthians 9:26

**Falling into sin isn’t fatal, but staying in sin is.
Repent quickly and return to righteousness.**

SE7EN – SURVIVING THE SEVEN DEADLY SINS

Surviving Sloth

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INTRODUCTION

- A. What is sin?

Sin is **lawlessness** against God’s Word as revealed in the Bible.

“Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness.”

I John 3:4

“Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned—“

Romans 5:12

- B. In this powerful teaching series you’ll discover the antidote to the seven deadly sins and how surviving them will help you experience God’s best in your life.

Aug 14	Surviving Pride
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“Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,”

Hebrews 12:1

- C. **TEXT:** Romans 12:11 (Pew Bible/Pg. 1114/New Test.)

HOW TO SURVIVE SLOTH

I. THE NATURE OF SLOTH

Sloth: Excessive avoidance of **physical** or **spiritual** work.

10 For even when we were with you, we commanded you this: If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat.

11 For we hear that there are some who walk among you in a disorderly manner, not working at all, but are busybodies.

12 Now those who are such we command and exhort through our Lord Jesus Christ that they work in quietness and eat their own bread.” II Thessalonians 3:10-12

Virtue: **Diligence**

“10 For God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister.

11 And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope until the end,

12 that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.”

Hebrews 6:10-12

II. FIVE DEADLY RESULTS OF SLOTH

A. **Financial** hardship.

“Laziness casts one into a deep sleep, And an idle person will suffer hunger.” Proverbs 19:15

“The lazy man will not plow because of winter; He will beg during harvest and have nothing.”

Proverbs 20:4

B. Missed **opportunity**.

“He who gathers in summer is a wise son; He who sleeps in harvest is a son who causes shame.”

Proverbs 10:5

“The soul of a lazy man desires, and has nothing; But the soul of the diligent shall be made rich.”

Proverbs 13:4

C. **Broken relationships.**

“As vinegar to the teeth and smoke to the eyes, So is the lazy man to those who send him.”

Proverbs 10:26

“He who is slothful in his work Is a brother to him who is a great destroyer.”

Proverbs 18:9

D. **Painful** existence.

“The way of the lazy man is like a hedge of thorns, But the way of the upright is a highway.”

Proverbs 15:19

“A lazy man buries his hand in the bowl, And will not so much as bring it to his mouth again.”

Proverbs 19:24

III. REPLACE SLOTH WITH DILIGENCE

A. **Search** for areas of sloth in your life.

“Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties;”

Psalm 139:23

“And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.”

Luke 2:52

- **Intellectual** Increase

- **Physical** Increase

- **Spiritual** Increase

- **Relational** Increase