

## SEVEN DEADLY SINS

According to the Indian political activist and philosopher Mahatma Gandhi, there are 7 dangers of human virtue:

- Wealth without work
- Pleasure without conscience
- Knowledge without character
- Business without ethics
- Science without humanity
- Religion without sacrifice
- Politics without principles

These are often called the "Seven Social Sins", and are connected to the Seven Deadly Sins:

- Lust
- Gluttony
- Greed
- Sloth
- Wrath
- Envy
- Pride

The most serious of the seven deadly sins is often considered "Pride". "Pride" is connected with arrogance and lack of humility. But that is often what causes people to commit these sins. They do whatever it takes to benefit themselves, often causing great harm to the others. Lust is the extremely strong desire of something, to a point that exceeds moral values. That is an extremely common sin, strongly connected with greed. People inherently strive to get something better, something new, something that they really desire, and sometimes they exceed the limits. Gluttony bares some similarities, but the true meaning of it is often disputed. At first glance, it refers to food overconsumption. However, many argue that it doesn't actually refer just to food. It also refers to selfishness and general overconsumption of anything. People commit this sin because they just can't get enough of something, neglecting the fact that some might need it more than they do. Greed can be seen everywhere. One commits it when he can not be satisfied with anything, and just wants more and more, often doing everything he can to get it, whether that is ethical or not. It often refers to greed for more money,

but it does not limit there. Sometimes, more doesn't even "cure" the thirst for more, it just makes it worse. Greed is often seen in business, where some wealthy businessmen can't get enough of their wealth, and keep striving for more, by all means necessary for that, not caring for the misfortune of others. Sloth can be compared to Gandhi's "Wealth without work". It refers not only to physical laziness, but also to spiritual inactivity. Sometimes, some believe that they can achieve great things without working for them, and just expect everything to happen exactly how they planned it without doing a thing, but that is not the only thing this sin refers to. It also refers to their unwillingness to do anything or create anything. Wrath refers to uncontrolled feelings of hatred and anger. It includes revenge, hatred, rage, impatience, self-destructiveness, abuse, etc. Rage is a characteristic of human's nature, but when it is uncontrolled and without a reason, it is considered a sin. Envy is connected with greed and lust. It is the malevolent will to have something that somebody possesses, or to reach his status, while also wanting something bad to happen to him or to lose what he has, so that he can feel he is on the same "level" with him. Jealousy is the cause of many conflicts, violence and unethical actions. All of these sins are committed, because people think they are special, which leads them to believe they can do anything to gain what they want without caring for other's well being. These sins often lead to violence and self destruction, and that is why they are condemned by religion and ethics.