



Vices & Virtues

SLOTH
Revelation 3:16

"So, because you are lukewarm--
neither hot nor cold--
I am about to spit you out of my mouth."
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SLOTH-
the temptation to not see or follow
God in the ordinary.



The Greek word we translate
as sloth is acedia
(a = absence + kedos = care)
meaning indifference or negligence.



Sloth is a kind of falling out of love
with God and the things of God



Sloth tempts us
to see spiritual growth as
too difficult or as requiring
the setting aside of currently enjoyed
or sinful pleasures.



The slothful are distressed at the prospect
of what might have to occur
should they embrace the faith
more deeply.



Sloth tends to dismiss the power of grace, focusing instead on the “trouble” or effort involved in walking in the Christian way.



Consider, for example,
a person who is a workaholic.



So he buries himself in his work;
this helps him to avoid prayer
and reflection.



This person is not lazy but he IS slothful.



She is sorrowful and averse to what she sees
as toilsome and possibly raising
uncomfortable things she would rather
not think about.

She does not hate God or the faith,
but it is all just too much.



Boredom feeds right into sloth.

The “still, small voice of God,” the quiet of prayer, the simple reading of Scripture and the pondering of its message, the unfolding of spiritual meaning through reflection, the slower joys of normal human conversation in communal prayer and fellowship—none of these appeal to those used to a breakneck pace.

- Unknown Author



More often than not, relativism is simply sloth masquerading as tolerance. If there is such a thing as truth (and there is), then we should joyfully seek it and base our life on its demands and promises.



The antidote to sloth
is cultivating hunger and thirst
“Blessed are they that hunger and thirst
for righteousness” (Matthew 5:6).





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