

KillJoys: The Seven Deadly Sins

Reading Plan

Week	Chapter	Pages	Group Activity
1	Introduction	1-7	Group reads pp.1-3 (<i>stop at top of p.3</i>) and discusses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What resonates with you? • What spiritual lessons stand out to you? • What truths can you apply in your life this week? Homework: Read chapter on "Pride," pp. 9-18
2	Pride	9-18	Follow group reading guide #1-4
3	Pride	9-18	Accountability section Homework: Read chapter on "Envy," pp.20-32
4	Envy	20-32	Follow group reading guide
5	Envy	20-32	Accountability section Homework: Read chapter on "Anger," pp.34-46
6	Anger	34-46	Follow group reading guide
7	Anger	34-46	Accountability section Homework: Read chapter on "Sloth," pp.48-58
8	Sloth	48-58	Follow group reading guide
9	Sloth	48-58	Accountability section Homework: Read chapter on "Greed," pp.59-72
10	Greed	59-72	Follow group reading guide
11	Greed	59-72	Accountability section Homework: Read chapter on "Gluttony," pp.73-84
12	Gluttony	73-84	Follow group reading guide
13	Gluttony	73-84	Accountability section Homework: Read chapter on "Lust," pp.85-97
14	Lust	85-97	Follow group reading guide
15	Lust	85-97	Accountability section Book conclusion questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What resonated with you? • What spiritual lessons stood out to you? • What truths will you apply in your life this week? • How will you hold yourself accountable in dealing with one or more of these sins in your life?



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READING GUIDE

READING APPLICATION GUIDE

1. Start Spiritually

In order for God's truth to make any inroads into your life, you must make sure that you are as right with God and others as you can be. This means:

- Confessing wrong actions and attitudes to God (*1 John 1:9*)
- Seeking to be right with others (*Rom.12:18*)
- Asking for His help to understand and obey His will (*1 Thess.2:13*)

Let's begin by approaching God in prayer. Each person prays briefly with the facilitator closing in prayer.

2. Share Openly

This is the time where each one shares what's on her heart, whatever it is (kids, job, fears, needs, desires). This is the time and place to safely open up your heart and be vulnerable with each other and build closeness.

3. Application Guide

- What spiritual lessons stood out to you from this week's reading and why?
- How will you apply these truths in your life this week?

4. Close Prayerfully

Close in prayer, repenting of any areas of spiritual declension and trusting God to renew your heart.

ACCOUNTABILITY

Developing integrity and transparency in our walk with Christ and each other

Keep watch over yourselves! This was Paul's exhortation to the Ephesian elders (*Acts 20:28*), which can be interpreted in only one way—*mutual accountability*. However, implementing and maintaining an accountability system is probably one of the greatest challenges all Christian leaders face. It runs counter to the way most of us think! It involves being vulnerable—which is normally threatening. We don't naturally invite others into our lives.

Here are some questions that will help:

1. What challenges or struggles are weighing on your mind right now?
2. What has God been saying to you through His Word this week?
3. How did you influence your marriage and family this week? How positively? How negatively? What could you do to improve?
4. How can we support you in prayer and in accountability?

When all is said and done, an accountability system only works when we are people of integrity. Any method of accountability can fail. However, this does not mean that we should ignore Paul's exhortation to the elders in Ephesus: "*Be on guard for yourselves*" (*Acts 20:28*).