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Galatians 6:11-18

Historic Roman Catholic doctrine lists seven deadly sins: greed, envy, gluttony, sloth, wrath, lust, and pride. Each is viewed as a form of selfishness. They are certainly a form of worldliness. Nailing them to the cross is a good plan (see Colossians 2:13-15). In Galatians 2:20, the apostle Paul speaks of being dead to sin, of himself being crucified with Christ. Here he also states that the lure of the world is dead to him. It is not mostly dead, just waiting for the moment to rear its ugly head again, but completely dead.

The temptations of the world are nothing to be played with. We need to pray the prayer of David when he asked God to search his heart and see if there was any wicked way in him (Psalm 139:29-30).

Any of those seven deadly sins, sins of the spirit, can lead easily to breaking the Ten Commandments, and all break the first commandment by placing personal desires before God. Nothing can be first in our hearts but God alone. In the battle with sin and the powers of darkness, our desire must be for final and complete victory.

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