

# Sins Defined

## Mark 7:21-22

1. **EVIL:** κακός, ἡ, ὄν basically, denoting a lack of something *bad, not as it ought to be*, opposite καλός (*sound, good*) and ἀγαθός (*good*); (1) morally, of persons characterized by godlessness *evil, bad* (MT 24.48); substantially *evildoer* (RV 2.2); (2) as moral conduct, attitudes, plans of godless people *evil, base, wicked* (MK 7.21); (3) neuter as a substantive τὸ κακόν *evil* as being present in the world (RO 13.3); plural κακά *evil deeds* (RO 1.30); (4) of circumstances and conditions that come on a person *harmful, evil, injurious* (RV 16.2); substantially τὰ κακά *ruin, harm, misfortunes, evils* (LU 16.25); (5) as characterized by reprehensible lack of accuracy *wrong, incorrect* (JN 18.23)
2. **SEXUAL IMMORALITY:** πορνεία, ας, ἡ (1) generally, of every kind of extramarital, unlawful, or unnatural sexual intercourse *fornication, sexual immorality, prostitution* (1C 5.1); (2) when distinguished from adultery (μοιχεία) in the same context *extramarital intercourse, sexual immorality, fornication* (MT 15.19); (3) as a synonym for μοιχεία (*marital*) *unfaithfulness, adultery* (MT 5.32); (4) metaphorically, as apostasy from God through idolatry (*spiritual*) *immorality, unfaithfulness* (RV 19.2)
3. **THEFT:** κλοπή, ἡς, ἡ *theft, stealing*
4. **MURDER:** φόνος, ου, ὁ *murder, slaughter, killing* (LU 23.19)
5. **ADULTERY:** μοιχεία, ας, ἡ (**also μοιχαλία**) as an act of sexual intercourse with someone not one's own spouse *adultery* (JN 8.3)
6. **GREED:** πλεονεξία, ας, ἡ as bad behavior, a disposition to have more than one's share *greed, covetousness, avarice* (LU 12.15); ὡς π. *as a matter of being compelled to, as what is grudgingly given* (2C 9.5)
7. **MALICE:** πονηρία, ας, ἡ only in a moral and ethical sense in the NT, of intentionally practiced ill will *evil, wickedness, malice* (LU 11.39); plural, for various expressions of evil-mindedness *wicked ways, evil doings, malicious deeds* (AC 3.26)
8. **DECEIT:** δόλος, ου, ὁ strictly *bait* for fish; hence *deceit, treachery, fraud*
9. **LEWDNESS:** ἀσέλγεια, ας, ἡ as living without any moral restraint *licentiousness, sensuality, lustful indulgence* (2C 12.21); especially as indecent and outrageous sexual behavior *debauchery, indecency, flagrant immorality* (RO 13.13)
10. **ENVY:** ὀφθαλμός, οῦ, ὁ (1) literally, the bodily organ for seeing *eye* (MT 6.22); idiomatically ἐν ῥιπῇ ὀφθαλμοῦ literally *in a blink of an eye*, i.e. *suddenly* (1C 15.52); ἀνοίγειν τοὺς ὀφθαλμούς literally *open the eyes*, i.e. *cause to see, restore sight* (MT 9.30); ἐπαίρειν τοὺς ὀφθαλμούς literally *lift up the eyes*, i.e. *look, notice* (MT 17.8); ἦσαν αὐτῶν οἱ ὀφθαλμοὶ βεβαρημένοι literally *their eyes were weighed down*, i.e. *they were very sleepy* (MT 26.43); κατ' ὀφθαλμούς literally *according to eyes*, i.e. *in front of, in the presence of*; metaphorically *according to* someone's *understanding* (GA 3.1); (2) figuratively; (a) in an extended sense of the activity of the eyes *sight* (AC 1.9); (b) as the capacity to perceive and comprehend *understanding* (LU 19.42); idiomatically τυφλοῦν τοὺς ὀφθαλμούς literally *blind the eyes*, i.e. *cause to not understand* (JN 12.40); ὁ πονηρός literally *evil eye*, i.e. *envy, greed, perhaps stinginess* (MT 20.15; MK 7.22)

11. SLANDER: βλασφημία, ας, ή (1) generally *harmful, abusive speech* against someone's reputation; *slander, reviling, evil speaking* (CO 3.8); (2) predominately of speech that is against the nature and power of God *blasphemy, insult, outrage* (MT 26.65)
12. ARROGNCE: ύπερηφανία, ας, ή as a conscious effort to appear conspicuously above others *arrogance, pride, haughtiness* (MK 7.22), opposite ταπεινοφροσύνη (*humility*)
13. FOLLY: άφροσύνη, ης, ή morally or intellectually, not using one's ability to understand *foolishness, lack of sense, (boastful) folly* (2C 11.1)

## Galatians 5:19-21

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2. IMPURITY: άκαθαρσία [*akatharsia /ak·ath·ar·see·ah/*] n f. From 169; TDNT 3:427; TDNTA 381; GK 174; 10 occurrences; AV translates as “uncleanness” 10 times. 1 uncleanness. 1A physical. 1B in a moral sense: the impurity of lustful, luxurious, profligate living. 1B1 of impure motives.
3. DEBAUCHERY: άσέλγεια, ας, ή as living without any moral restraint *licentiousness, sensuality, lustful indulgence* (2C 12.21); especially as indecent and outrageous sexual behavior *debauchery, indecency, flagrant immorality* (RO 13.13)
4. IDOLATRY: είδωλολατρία, ας, ή (**also** είδωλολατρεία) *idolatry, worship of idols*
5. WITCHCRAFT: φαρμακεία, ας, ή as the use of drugs of any kind for magical effect *sorcery, magic* (GA 5.20); plural *magic arts* (RV 9.21)
6. HATRED: έχθρα, ας, ή *enmity, hostility, hatred*, both as an inner disposition and objective opposition (RO 8.7); plural, of hostile feelings and acts *animosities, hostilities, discord, feuds* (GA 5.20)
7. DISCOURSE: έρις, ιδος, ή *strife, debate, discord* (RO 1.29); plural *quarrels, rivalries* (1C 1.11)
8. JEALOUSY: ζήλος, ου, ό **and** ζήλος, ους, τό strictly *ferment of spirit*; (1) in a good sense, as a human emotion expressing active enthusiasm, ardent affection, keen interest *zeal, ardor, jealousy* (2C 7.7); (2) of the intensity of divine action *extremity* πυρός ζ. *fiery indignation, fierceness of fire* (HE 10.27); (3) in a bad sense *jealousy, envy* (GA 5.20)
9. FITS OF RAGE: θυμός, οϋ, ό from θύω (*move violently, rush along*); (1) as a strong passion of soul or mind *wrath, rage*; used for divine (RV 15.1), satanic (RV 12.12), and human *wrath* (LU 4.28); (2) in contrast with όργή as settled indignation, θ. is used of *anger* that boils up and subsides again, *swelling up of anger, hot temper, angry outburst* (2C 12.20); (3) the difficult phrase in RV 14.8 εκ του οίνου του θυμου της πορνείας αυτής πεπότικεν τὰ έθνη *she has made all*

- nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication* probably refers to the godlessness with which Babylon ensnared the nations and brought them under God's wrath, rather than to "the wine of her passionate immorality"
10. SELFISH AMBITION: ἐριθεία, ας, ἡ from ἐριθεύω (*serve for hire*), which is from ἔριθος (*day-laborer*); as denoting an attitude of self-seeking *selfish ambition, self-interest, rivalry* (PH 2.3)
  11. DISSENSIONS: διχοστασία, ας, ἡ strictly *standing apart*; hence *disunity, dissension, division* within a community
  12. FACTIONS: αἵρεσις, ἔσεως, ἡ strictly *choice* or *option*; (1) of a separatist group characterized by loyalty to a certain school of thought and practice *sect, party, school* (AC 5.17); (2) of such separatist groups claiming status within the Christian community *heretical sect, party, division* (1C 11.19); (3) in a religious sense, of belief contrary to established doctrine *heresy, false teaching* (2P 2.1)
  13. ENVY: φθόνος, ου, ὁ (1) in a negative sense *envy, jealousy* over the good success of another (MT 27.18); (2) in a positive sense of God's protective jealousy (perhaps JA 4.5 πρὸς φθόνον *to the point of envy, even with envy*)
  14. DRUNKENNESS: μέθη, ης, ἡ *drunkenness, intoxication*
  15. ORGIES: κῶμος, ου, ὁ originally *festive procession* in honor of the wine god, *merrymaking*; in the NT always in a bad sense *carousing, revelry, excessive feasting*