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Sermon Opening – Spoken Introduction Before the Message Begins

🎙 Opening: The Melody of the Word

Church, before I preach today,

I want you to understand something about the Word of God...

The Word of God—

It’s not just loud noise.

It’s not just a preacher yelling.

It’s not a bunch of scriptures being read with no meaning.

No…

The Word of God is a melody.

It’s a symphony.

It’s not chaos—it’s harmony.

It’s a divine masterpiece.

When truth lines up with grace,

When love meets corr-ecti-on,

When heaven speaks to your heart—

It makes music in the spirit.

So I'm not here today just to be heard.

I don't want to be background noise.

I want you to listen.

Don't just hear the Word—

Listen to it.

Let it move you. Let it convict you. Let it sing to your soul.

Because when the Word of God is received, it brings freedom.

And that's why I came to ask you this question today:

Are you truly free?

Not just saved.

Not just attending church.

Not just saying "Amen."

But free—on the inside.

Because the melody of the Word will break every chain—

If you're listening.

Let's go deeper.

Introduction to the Seven Deadly Sins: Are You Truly Free?

(Setting: You are standing before a congregation, a group of believers, or an online audience. The atmosphere is serious, thought-provoking. You are about to challenge people to examine their lives and expose the hidden sins that may be keeping them in bondage.)

Opening Statement:

"Church, I have a question for you today: Are you truly free? I'm not asking if you come to church every Sunday. I'm not asking if you lift your hands in worship or say 'Amen' when the preacher speaks. I'm asking if, deep inside your heart, you are free from the sins that try to control you."

"Too many people in the body of Christ believe they are free simply because they go through the motions of religion. But the truth is, many are still struggling—trapped in chains they refuse to acknowledge. And today, I want to introduce you to seven voices… seven spirits that have been destroying lives, families, and even churches."

The Seven Deadly Sins Speak…

"You may think these sins are only in the world, but let me tell you something—Pride, Greed, Lust, Envy, Gluttony, Wrath, and Sloth have been sitting in church pews for a long time. They show up in leadership. They show up in the choir. They show up in the lives of those who claim to be holy but are still bound."

"So today, we are going to let them introduce themselves. You need to hear how they work. You need to hear how they destroy. Because if you don't acknowledge the struggle, how can you ever break free?"

Challenge to the Audience

"Before we begin, I need you to be honest with yourself. No more pretending. No more acting like this message is for someone else. Because if you don't face the truth, the truth can't set you free."

"I want you to ask yourself today: Am I truly free? Or am I still struggling with one of these sins? Have I truly surrendered my life to Christ, or am I holding onto things in secret?"

"As you listen to the words that follow, I pray that conviction, not condemnation, fills your heart. Because Jesus didn't come to shame you—He came to set you free. And today, the choice is yours."

(At this point, you can transition into playing your video, allowing the seven deadly sins to "speak" to the audience.)

After the video, you can follow up with a call to repentance, scripture readings, and a moment of reflection for the audience to seek deliverance and true freedom in Christ.

Follow-Up After the Video: Call to

Scripture, Reflection, and Repentance

(After the video finishes, there is a moment of silence. Let the weight of the message settle in. Then, step forward and speak with authority and compassion.)

1. The Reality Check: Are You Still in Chains?

"You've just heard the voices of Pride, Greed, Lust, Envy, Gluttony, Wrath, and Sloth. They are not just stories, they are real. They are speaking to us today, in our homes, in our families, and even in the church. And many of us, if we are honest, are still in chains."

"You see, the devil doesn't need to take you out of the church to destroy you. He just needs to keep you bound in secret sin. But Jesus came to set the captives free! The question is—do you want to be free, or do you want to keep pretending?"

2. Scripture Reading: The Word That Sets Us Free

(Open your Bible and read each verse with conviction, letting it sink into the

hearts of the listeners.)

John 8:36 – "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed."

→ Freedom is not in your own strength, it is in Jesus. Are you truly free?

James 1:14-15 – "But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death."

→ Sin doesn't just show up—it starts small. It entices, it pulls, it grows. If you don't confront it, it will destroy you.

1 John 1:9 – "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

→ God is not waiting to condemn you—He is waiting to cleanse you.

Romans 6:12-14 – "Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. Neither yield

ye your members as 🎷🎺🎸🪕🎻🥁 instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God."

→ Who are you yielding to? Sin or God? You cannot serve both.

3. Moment of Reflection: Examine Your Heart

"Now, I want everyone to take a moment. Close your eyes. This is between you and God. Nobody is judging you. Nobody is watching you. But God sees your heart."

Ask yourself:

Am I truly free?

Is there a sin I have been ignoring, excusing, or hiding?

Have I allowed Pride, Greed, Lust, Envy, Gluttony, Wrath, or Sloth to control parts of my life?

Do I need to truly surrender to Jesus

today?

(Give You a moment to reflect. Let the Holy Spirit convict hearts. Then, speak with urgency.)

4. Call to Repentance: Choose Freedom Today

"If God is speaking to your heart today, don't ignore it. The Bible says, 'Today, if you hear His voice, harden not your heart' (Hebrews 3:15). This is your moment. You don't have to stay in bondage. You don't have to live in secret sin. You don't have to carry this weight anymore. Jesus already paid the price. But you must choose to surrender!"

(Call people forward if you are in a live setting, or encourage them to pray in their seats. If this is online, invite them to make a personal decision and seek accountability.)

"If you are ready to be free, I want you to pray this prayer with me—not just with your mouth, but with your heart."

5. Prayer of Deliverance & Freedom

"Heavenly Father, I come before You today, broken and in need of Your grace. I confess my sins before You. I have allowed things into my heart that do not honor You. I have struggled with temptations, and I have fallen short. But today, I surrender. I repent of my sins, and I ask for Your forgiveness. Wash me clean. Set me free. Break every chain that is holding me back. Jesus, I declare that You are Lord over my life. I give You my heart, my mind, and my soul. Fill me with Your Holy Spirit, and help me to walk in Your righteousness. I am Yours, and today, I am free. In Jesus' name, Amen!"

6. Encouragement: Walking in Freedom

"If you prayed that prayer with a sincere heart, the Bible says you are forgiven. But listen—freedom is not a one-time event. It is a daily decision. You must choose to walk in the Spirit, to stay in the Word, and to surround yourself with godly accountability."

Stay in prayer. Don’t go back to the sin God just freed you from.

Read your Bible daily. The Word is your weapon against temptation.

Get accountability. You can't do this alone—find believers who will walk with you.

Live for Jesus. Let your life reflect the change God has made in you.

"Today, the chains are broken. But will you walk in that freedom? The enemy will try to pull you back, but greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world (1 John 4:4). Live free. Stay free. And let your life be a testimony of God's power!"

7. Closing Challenge: Are You Truly Free?

"Before we leave today, I want to ask you one last time… Are you truly free? If the answer is yes, then live like it. If the answer is no, then don't leave here the same way you came. Surrender fully to Jesus, because only He can break every chain."

"For whom the Son sets free is free indeed." (John 8:36)

ABOUT THIS BOOK

A sermon that asks the honest question — are you truly free? — and answers it from the Word of God.

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"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet,
and a light unto my path."
PSALM 119:105 — KJV

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