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Studying Sin: Bad Reasons

○ Father Nick lists four bad ways of approaching the 7 deadly sins. What are these ways?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

○ Do you find yourself using any of these approaches? If so, how does it make you feel after hearing Father talk about the effects of approaching the deadly sins in this way?

○ Father says that we should not be hopeless because although God knows our sins, He still loves us so much that He came, died, and rose to free us from sin. This is the fundamental proclamation of the Gospel. Do you believe this is true for you—namely, that God loves you (1 John 4:19) and came to save you (John 3:16)?

○ God first loved me, _____ and He came to save me, _____ .
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○ What does this mean to you personally?

○ There are four types of fear:

1. Worldly Fear: Love of the things of the world and fear of the loss of those goods
2. Servile Fear: Fear of punishment as the principle motive for avoiding sin
3. Initial Fear: Moving toward filial fear, while still influenced by a fear of punishment
4. Filial Fear: The gift of the Holy Spirit that makes one revere God and avoid sin out of love for Him

Use this space for other thoughts and reflections.
