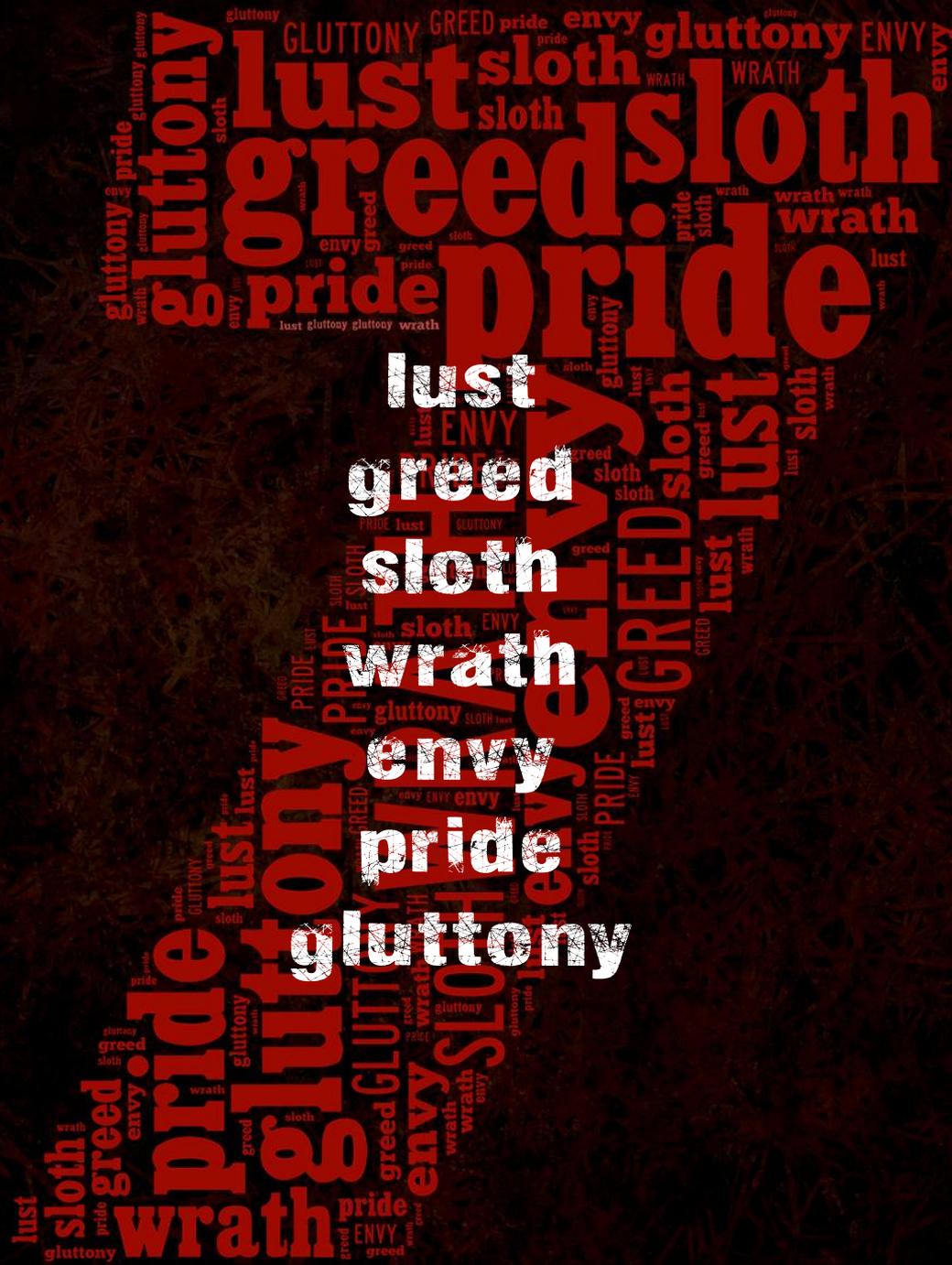


the deadly seven

gluttony

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Galatians 5:13-26 1 Corinthians 9:24-27



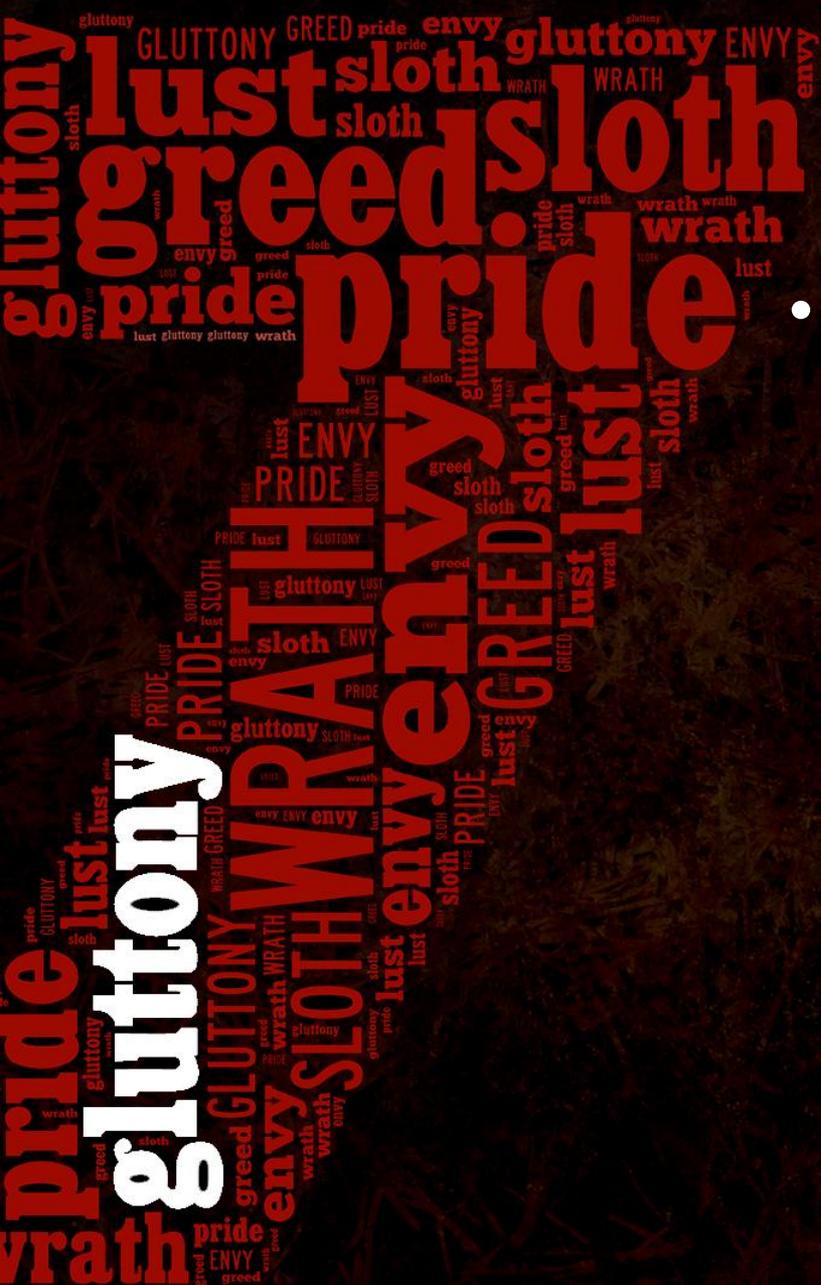


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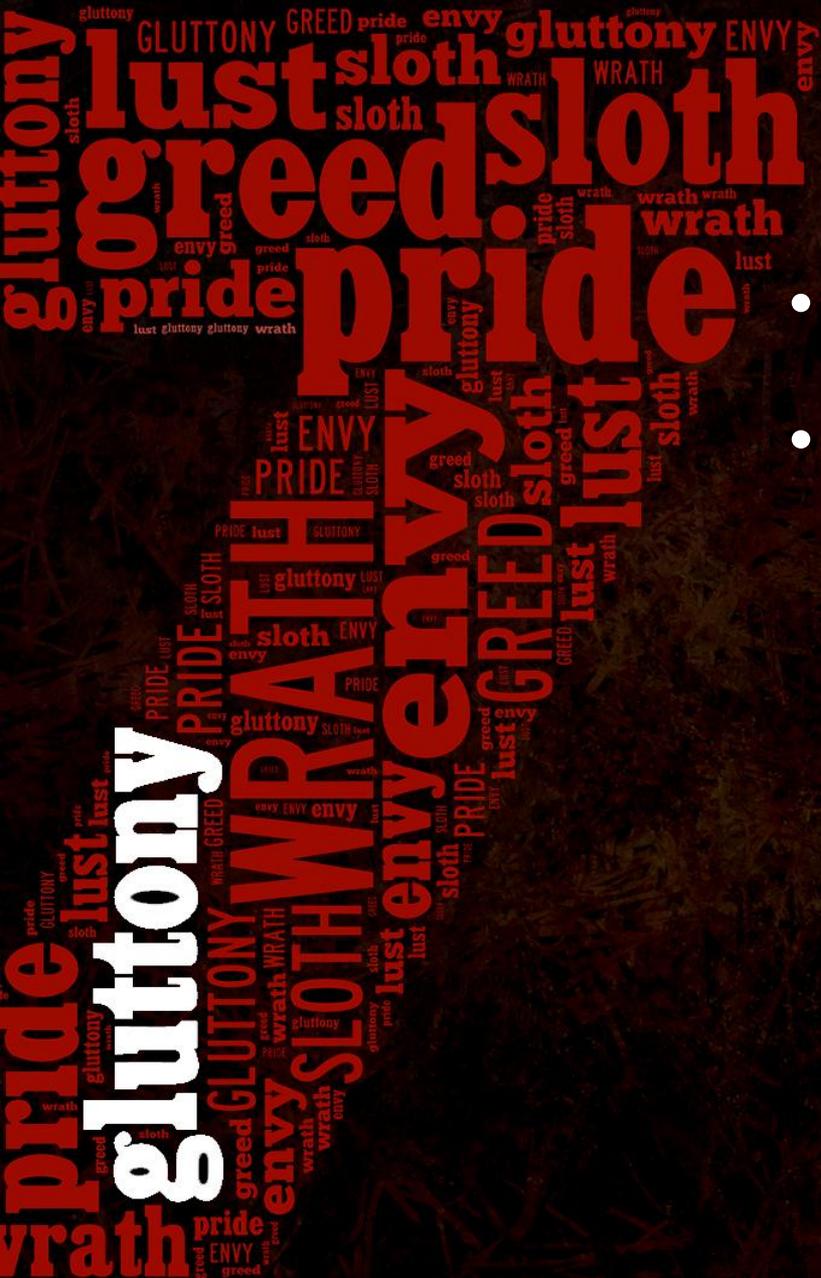
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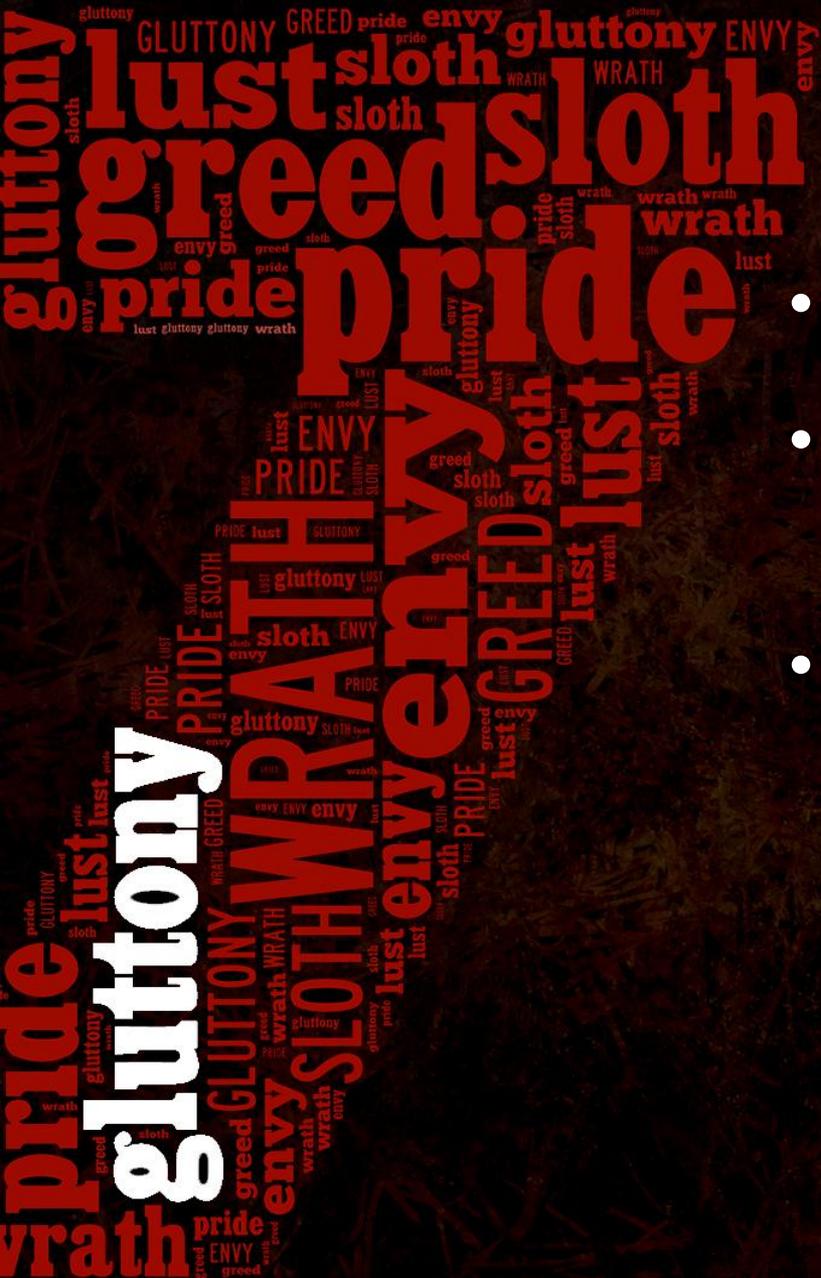
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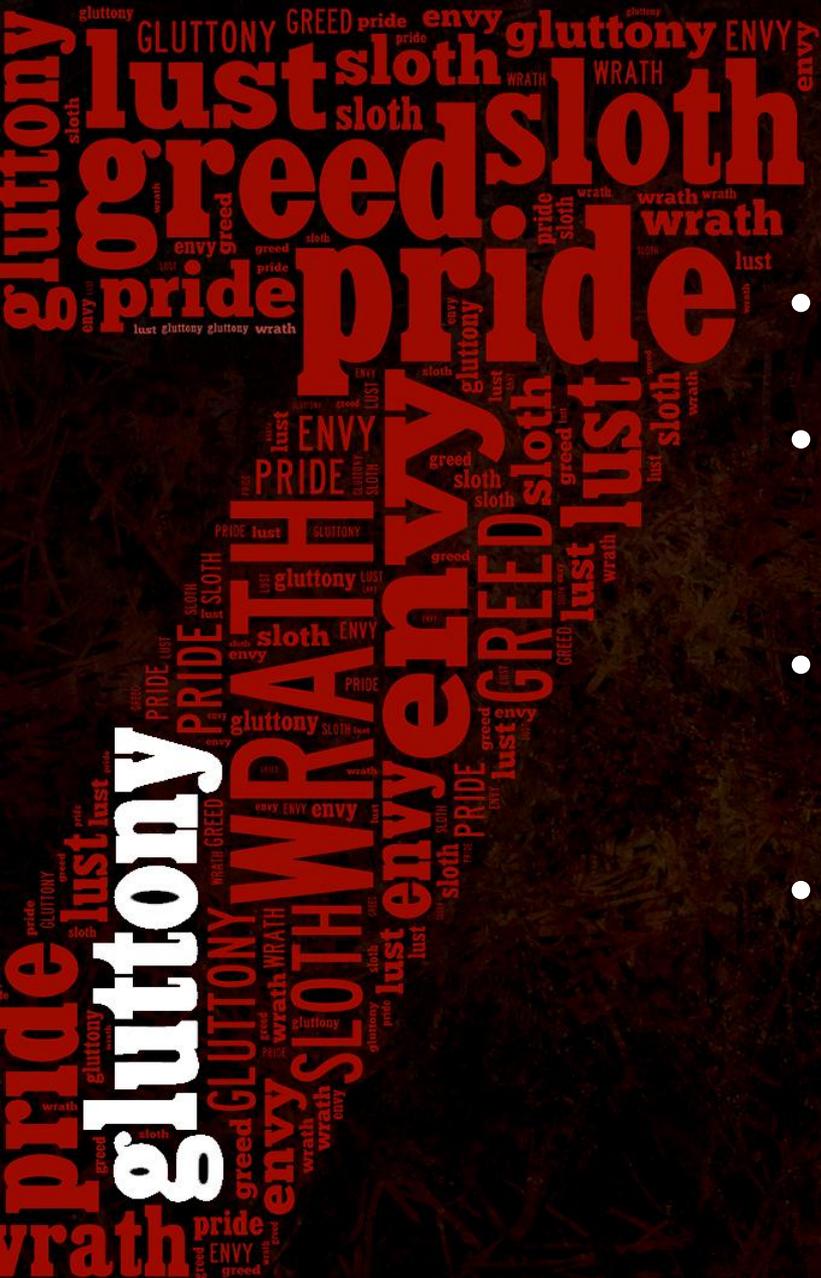
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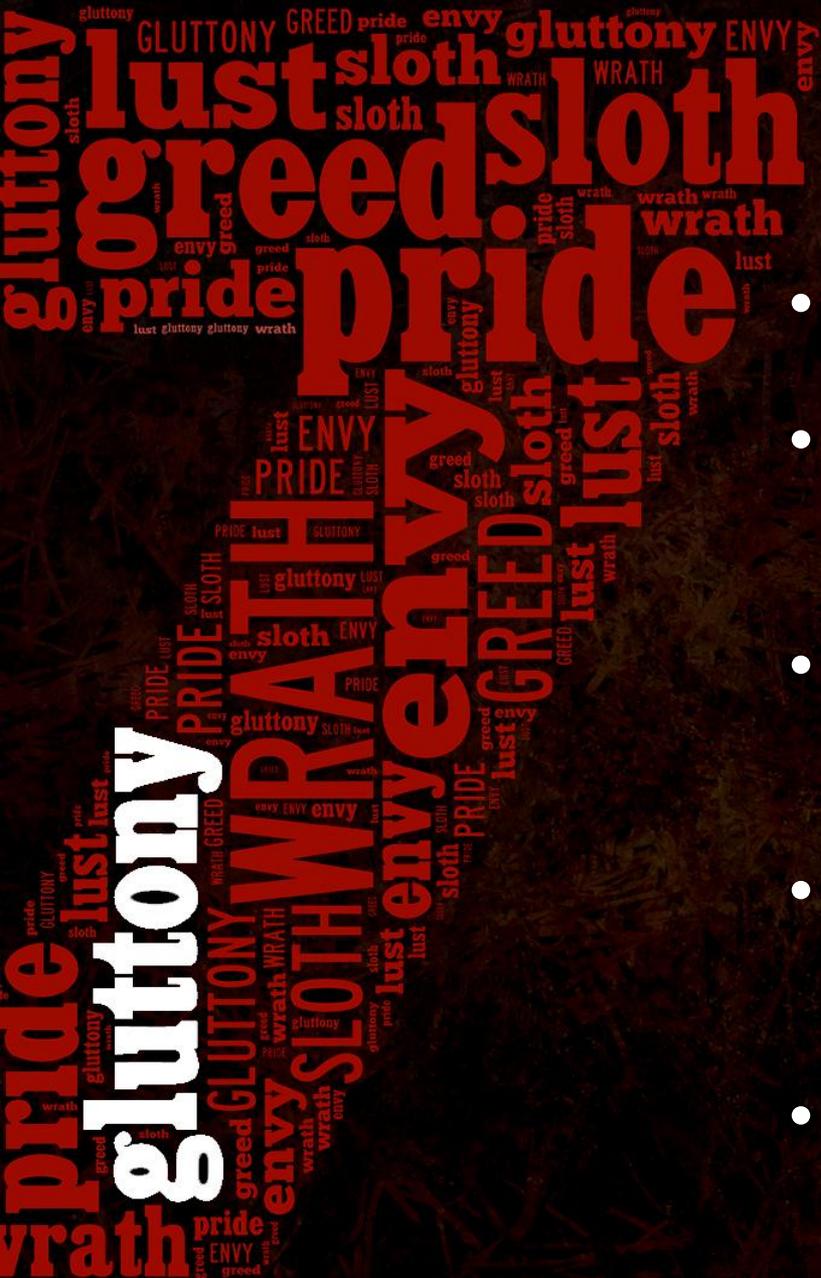
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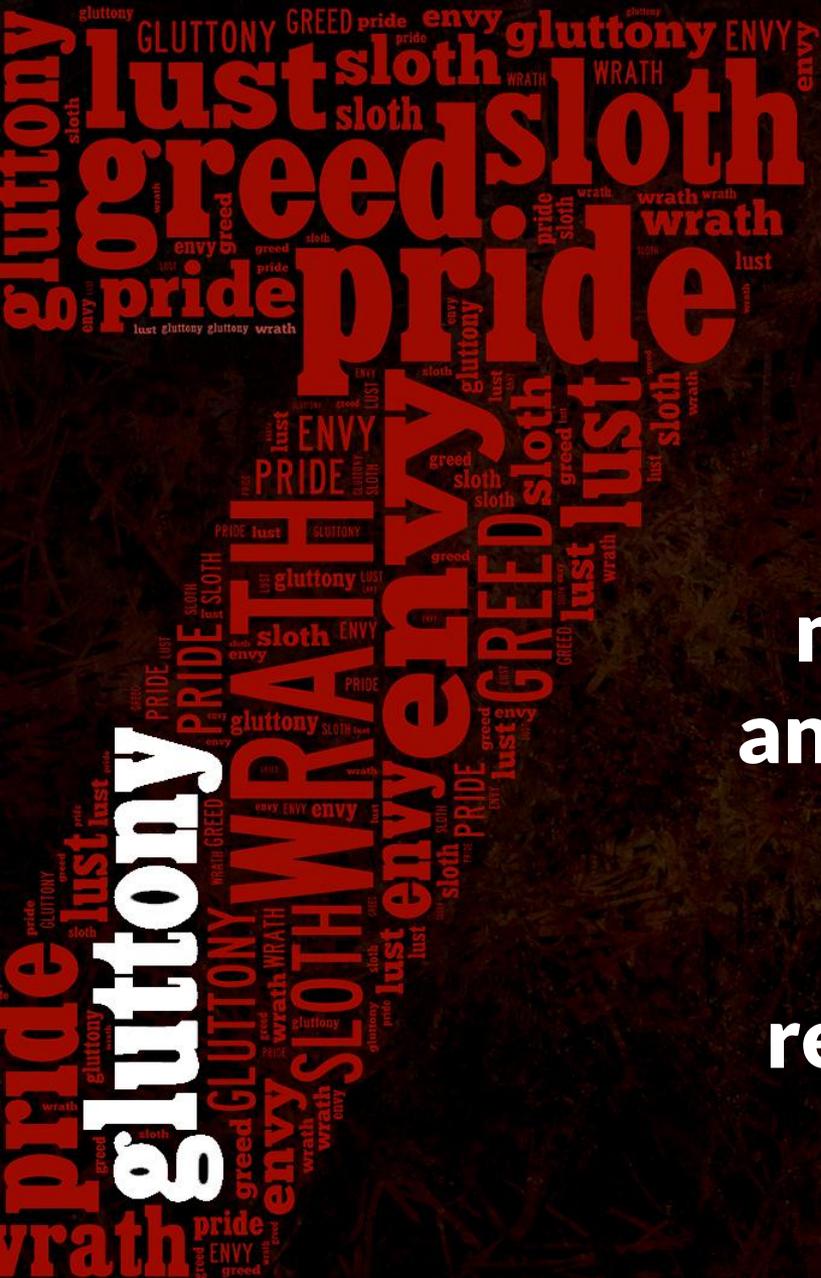
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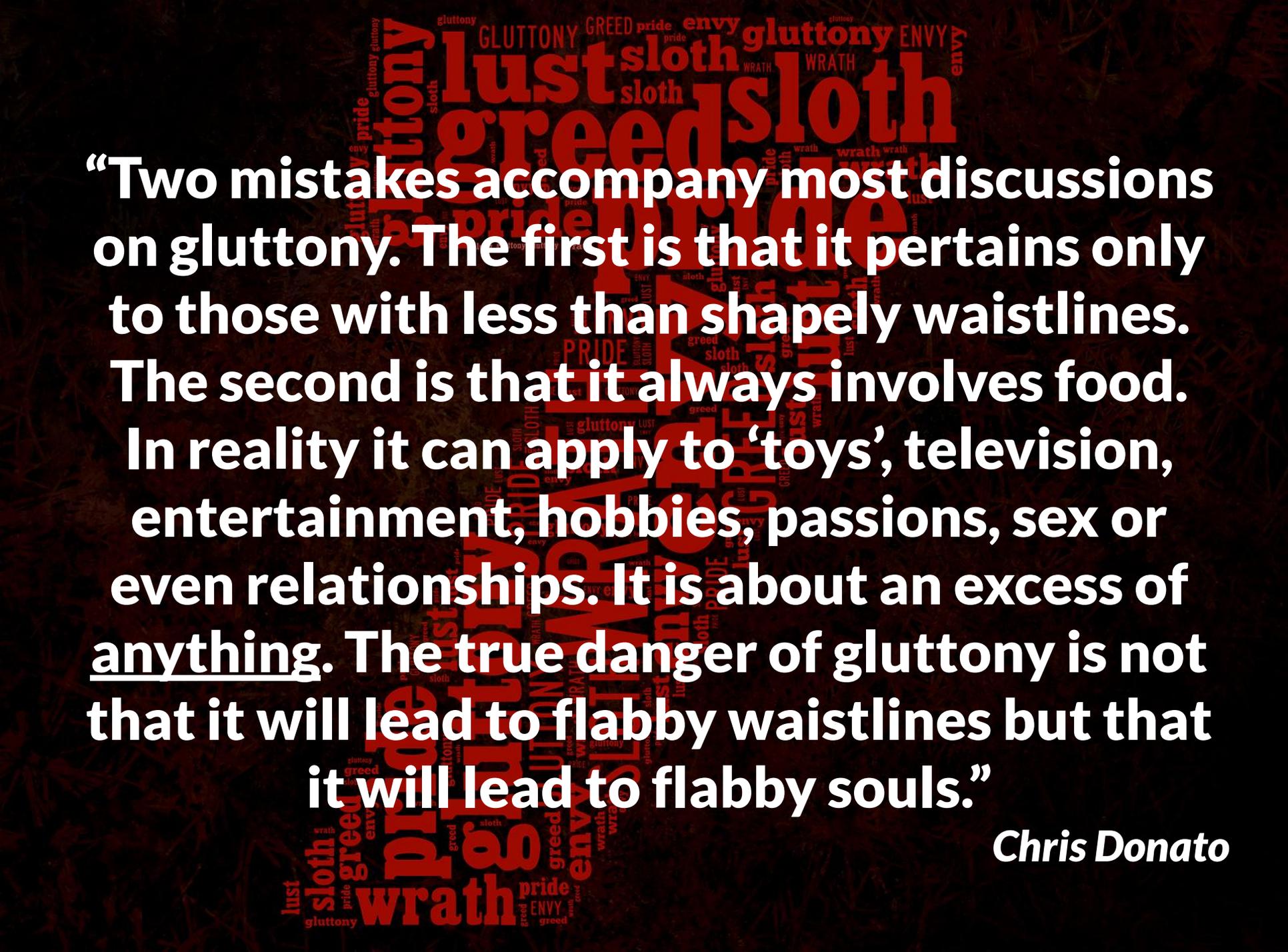
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Thomas Aquinas



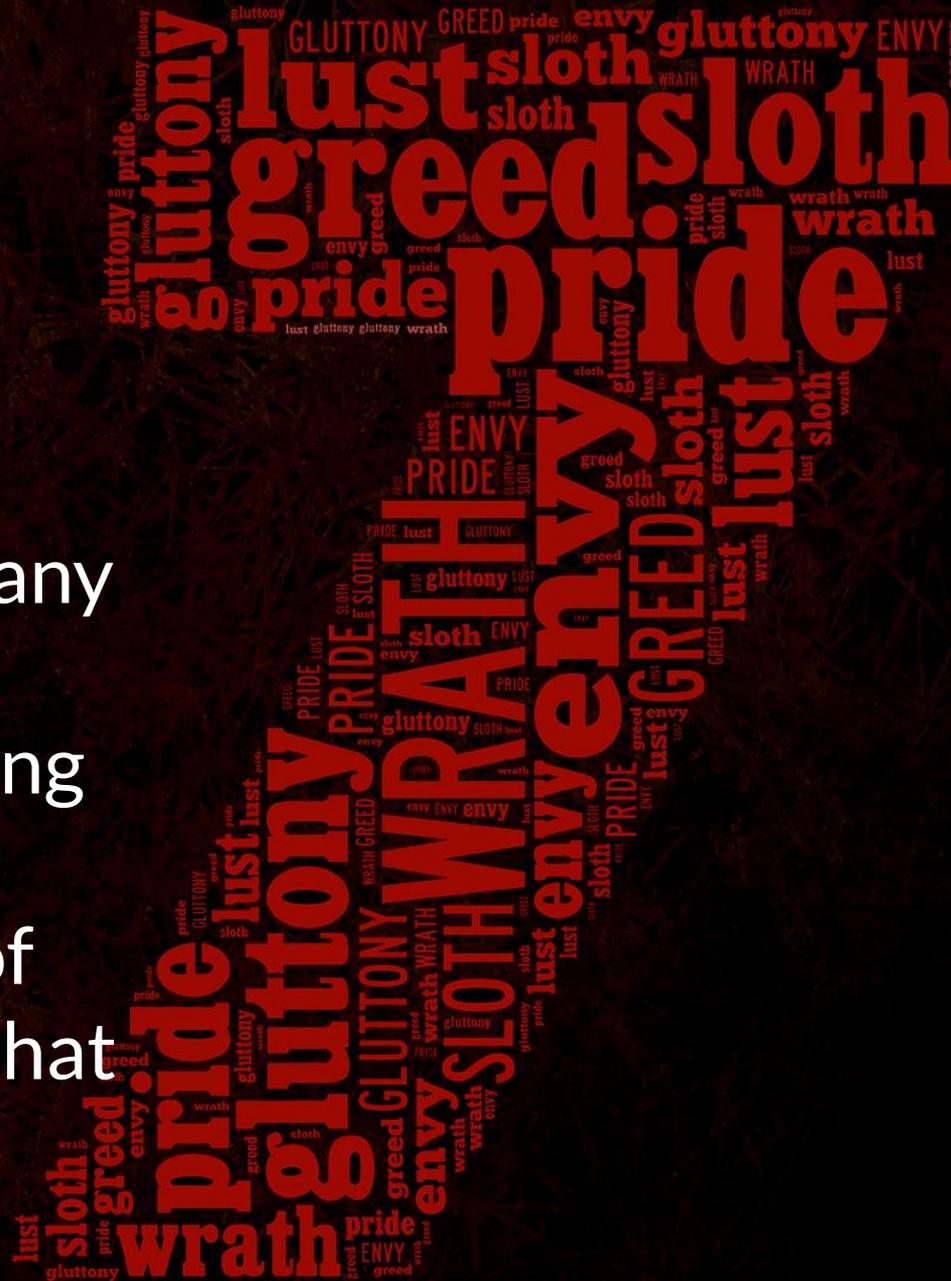
“Two mistakes accompany most discussions on gluttony. The first is that it pertains only to those with less than shapely waistlines. The second is that it always involves food. In reality it can apply to ‘toys’, television, entertainment, hobbies, passions, sex or even relationships. It is about an excess of anything. The true danger of gluttony is not that it will lead to flabby waistlines but that it will lead to flabby souls.”

Chris Donato

gluttony defined...

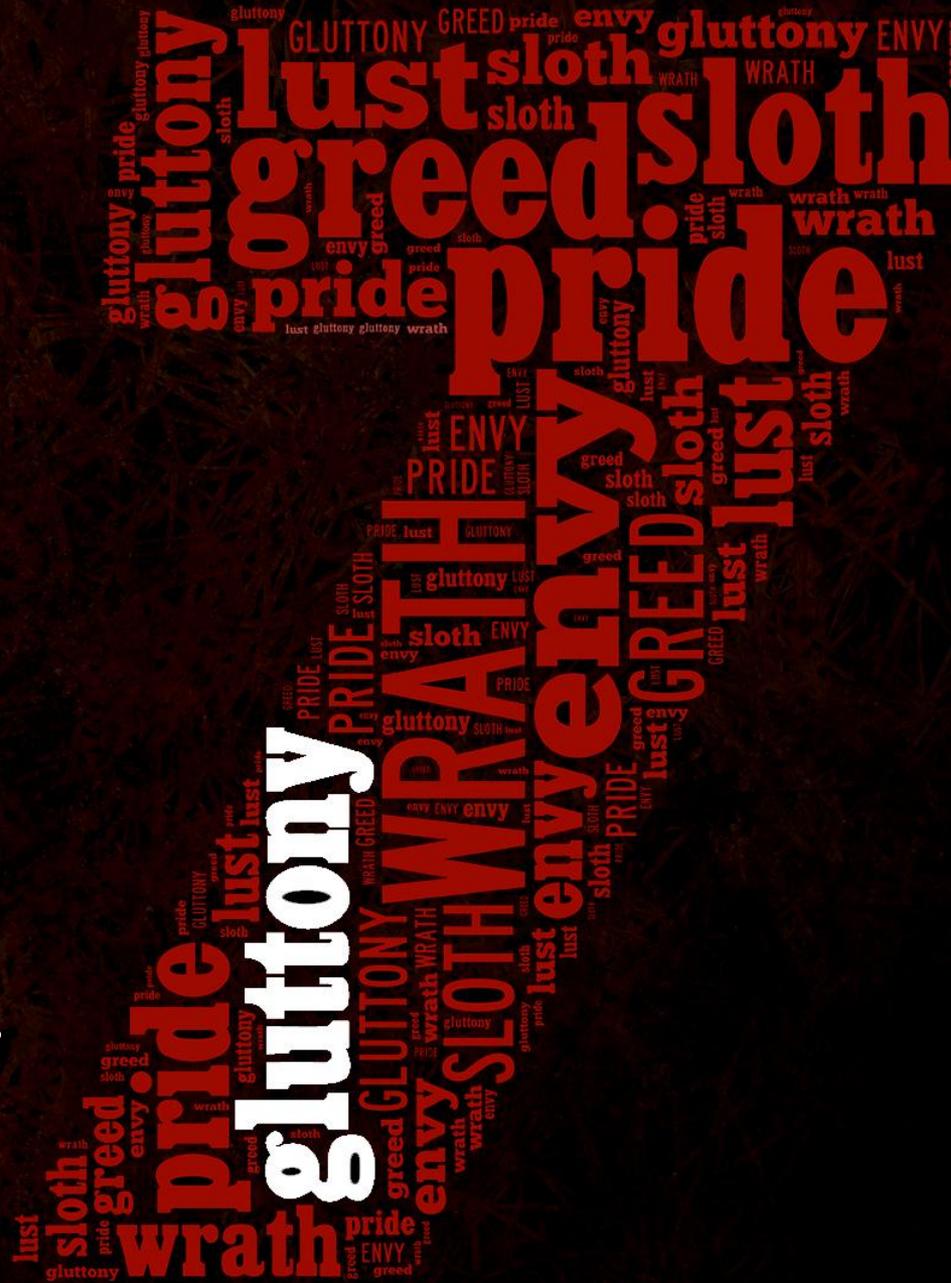
BIBLE

Succumbing (giving into) any desire or passion which sidetracks us from pursuing God. Giving in to human desires in excess or lack of self control. Any desires that interfere with knowing God deeply.



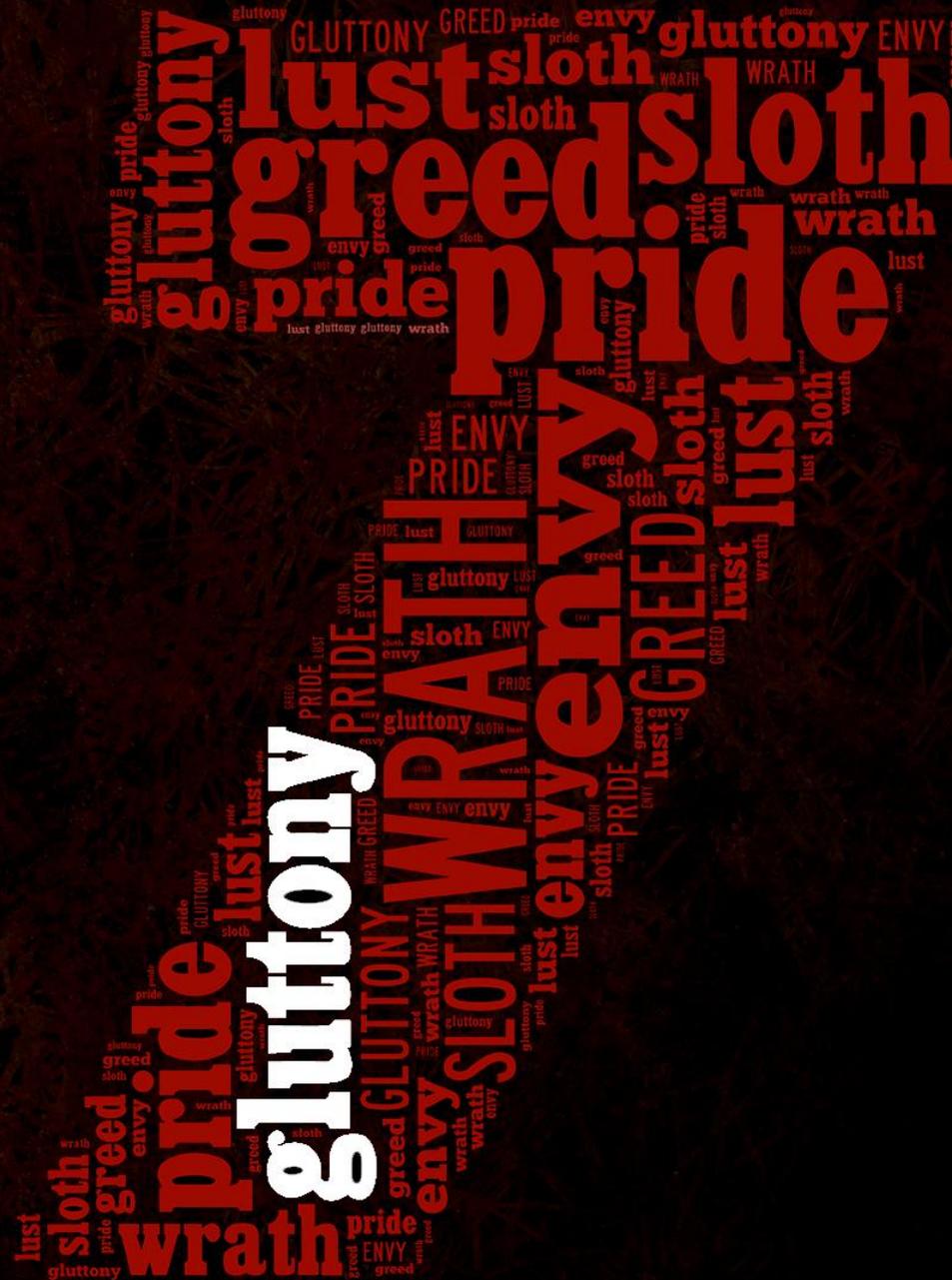
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Short Answer: NOT A LOT.



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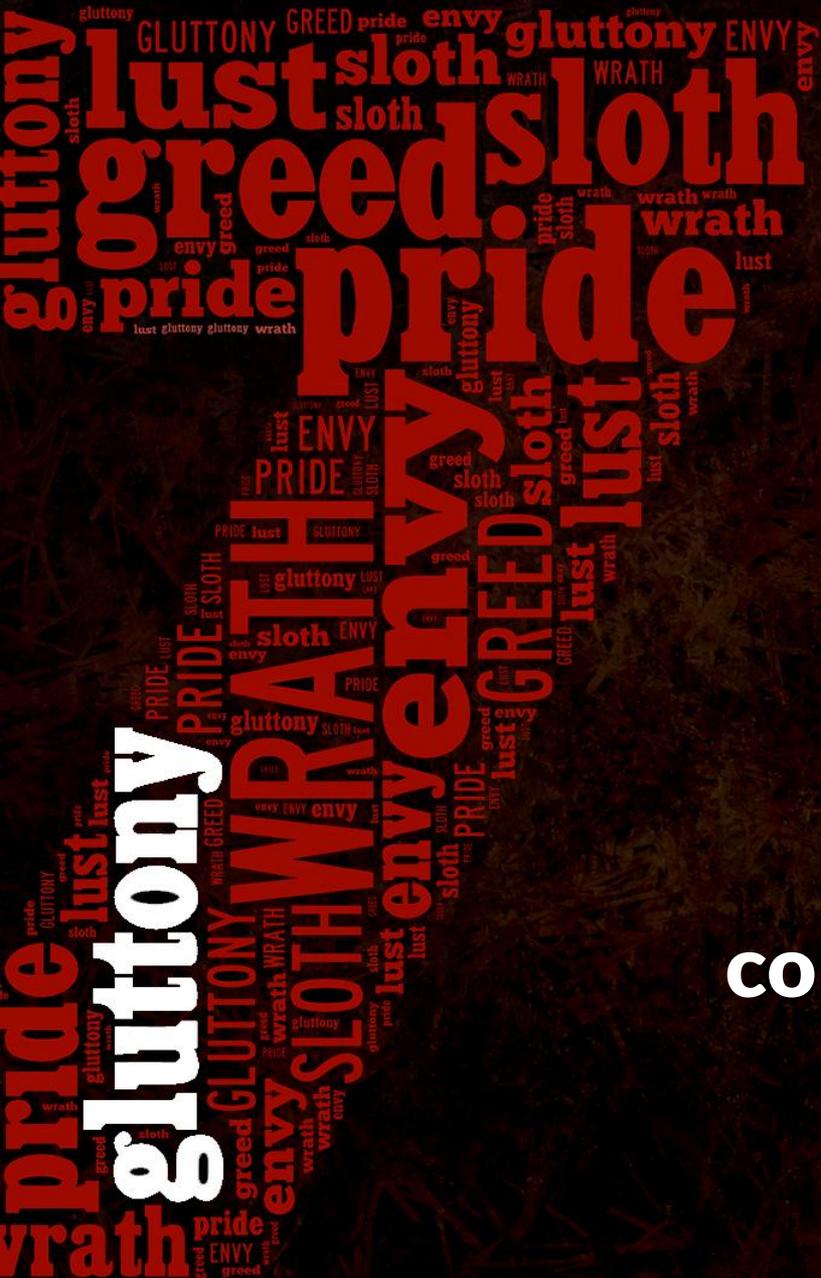
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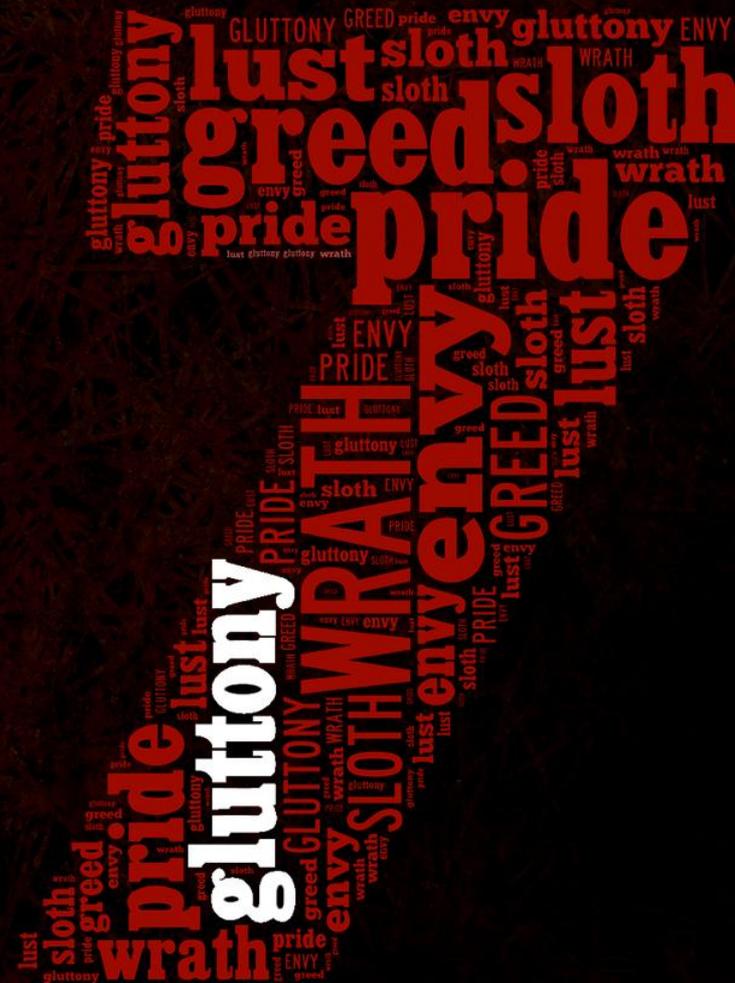
the bottom line

Believers should be
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Galatians 5

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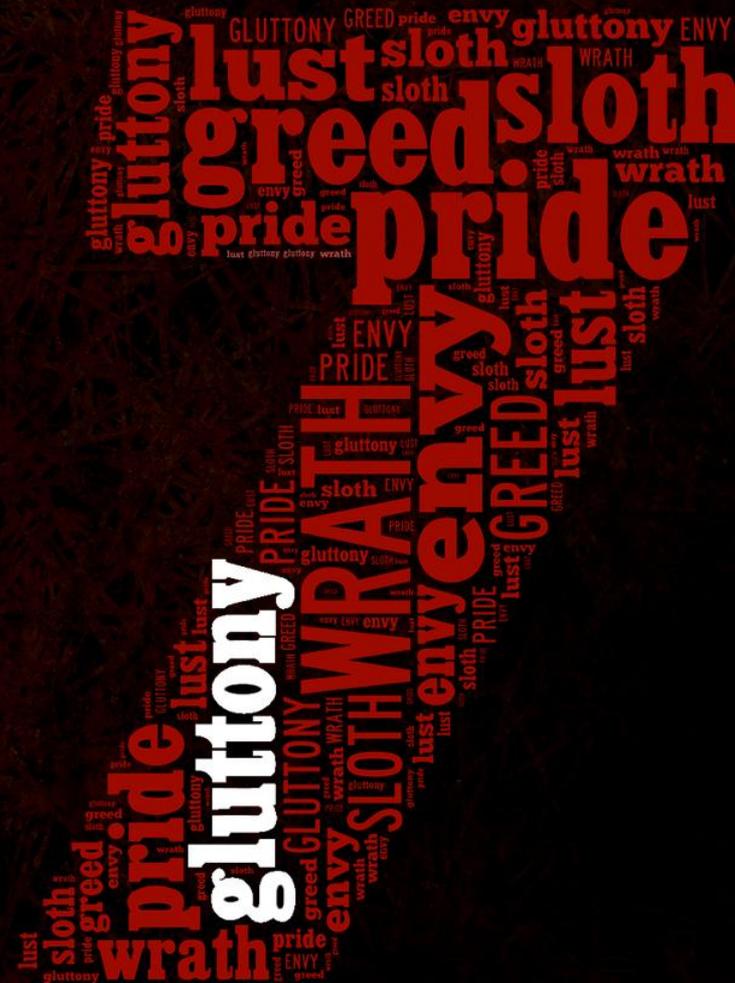
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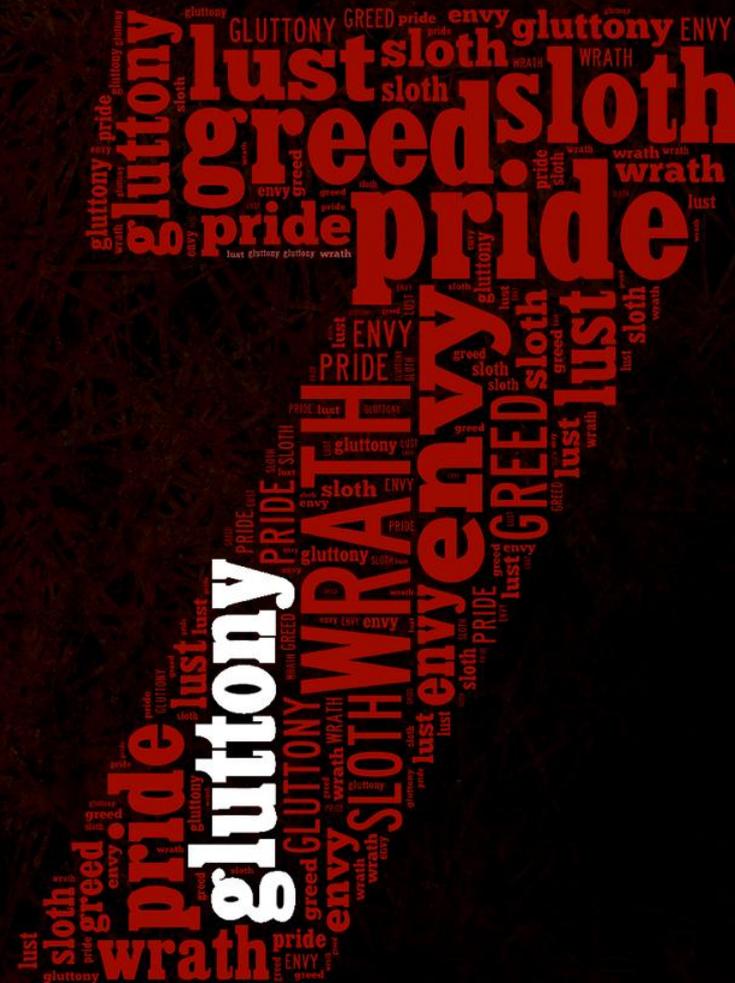
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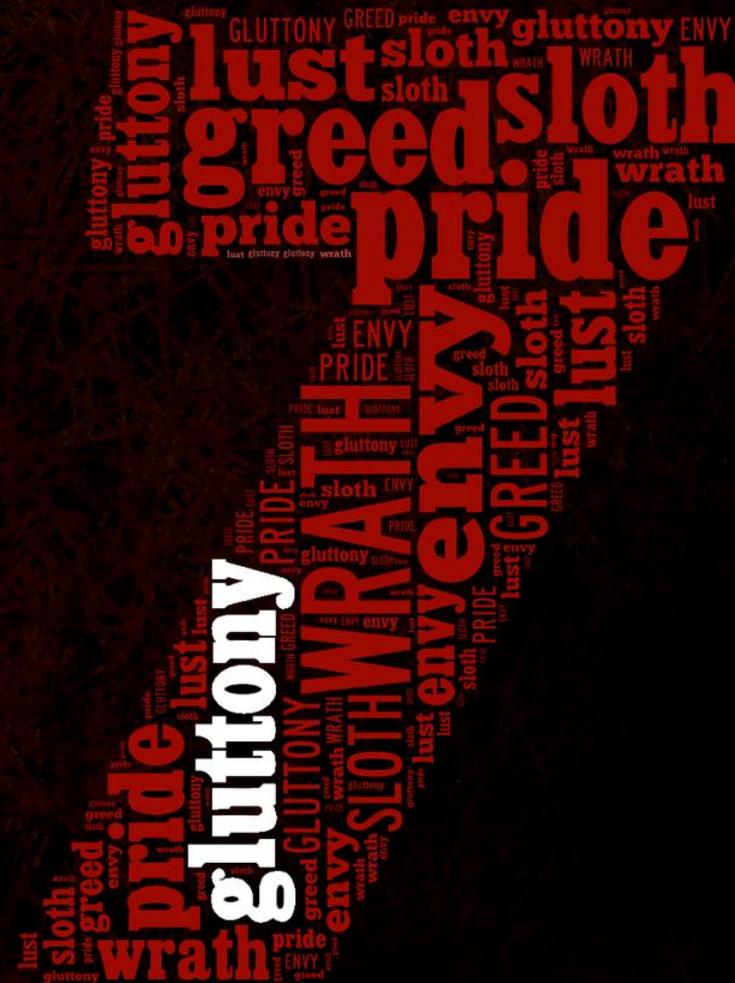
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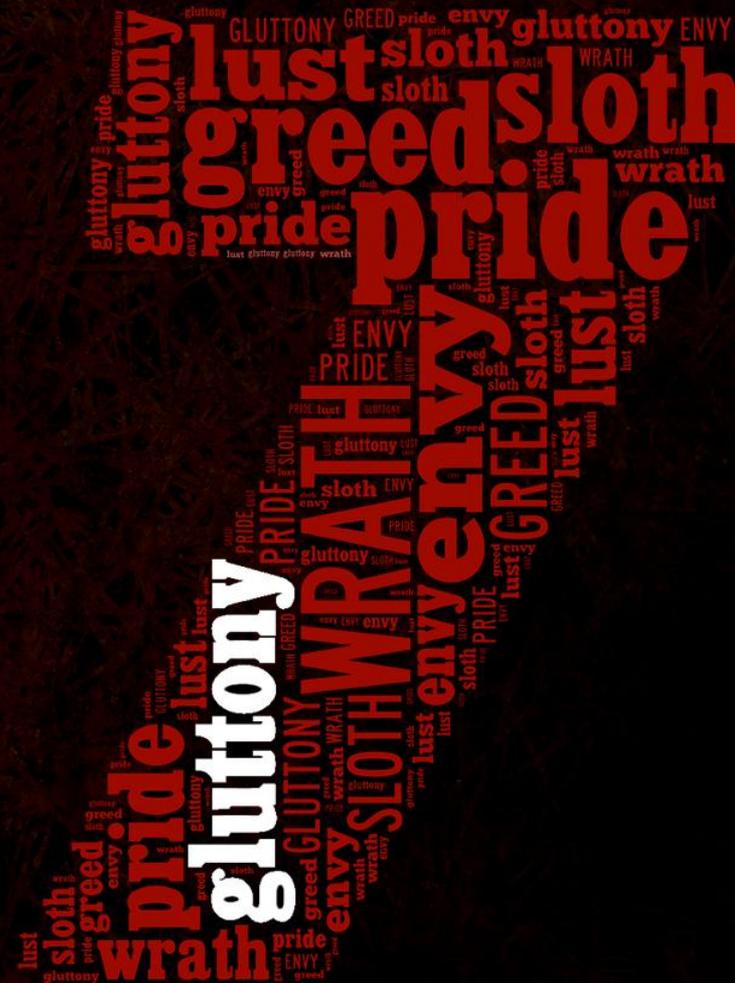
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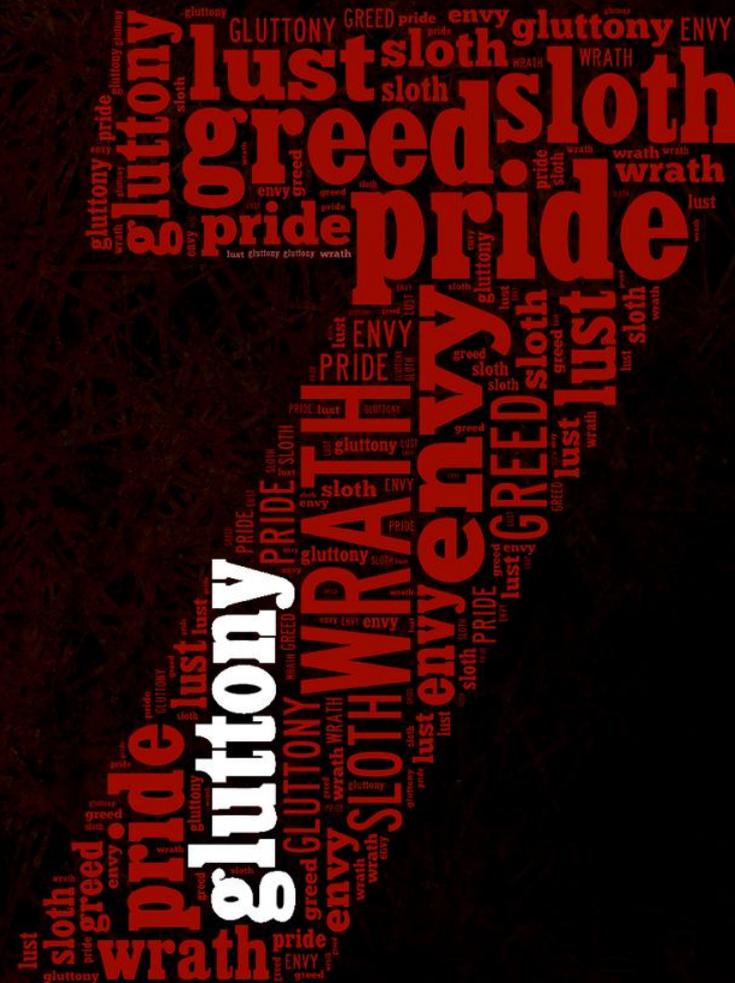
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