

SERMON NOTES: *The Root of It All*
Matthew 17:1-7 (Transfiguration Sunday)
February 14, 2010

Introduction...

Evagrius of Pontus went to what is now the Egyptian desert...
Our task today is to lay the ground work for Lent.

Prayer...

Three directions today:

Who and history of the 7 Deadly Sins...

What are they...name/define the 7 Deadly Sins...

Why would we want to spend 6 weeks on this topic?

Who & History...

Evagrius lived in the second half of the 4th century...

The original author of the 1st list of deadly sins.

Cassian came to Egypt to learn from Evagrius...

to be his disciple, learning how to work/resist these 8 vices.

It was the one they called “Greg the Great” that popularized the list...

He also edited and refined the list to 7.

It was like a tree from the trunk and branches of these 7
deadliest sins, flowed ALL others.

PRIDE: “The mother and queen of all vices”

Nearly 1,000 years later, Luther nailed 95 theses to a church door...

Protestant tradition challenged the “deadliness” of the sins.

In contemporary times, the seven deadly sins have been trivialized...

Rebecca DeYoung suggests that modern treatment has...

“Dismissed, redefined, psychologized, and even humorized the
list of deadly sins/capital vices” (Glittering Vices)

We are FAR from the original intent of the list...

We do well to repeat history...to go back to the desert... (OVER)

What are the 7 Deadly Sins...

Anger, Lust, Greed, Gluttony, Sloth, Envy, and Vainglory...

A VICE is more specific than SIN...

They are in every case something good, gone bad...

A vice is a habit...not something we are born with...

WHY we will study these 7 vices...

Because it is the season of LENT...

Lent urges us to slow down and listen to our lives.

That we may LEARN...

From “7 Deadly Sins” to “Everyday Gifts of Grace”

William Sloane Coffin (Credo): *“If Christ is God's love personified,
then the Church is God's love organized.”*

To LISTEN to Him...

Get to the root of it all... “With you I am well-pleased.”

“Be not afraid.”