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WELL-WORN PATHS



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# I John 5

<sup>16</sup> If you see any brother or sister commit a sin that does not lead to death, you should pray and God will give them life.

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I refer to those whose sin does not lead to death. There is a sin that leads to death. I am not saying that you should pray about that.

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<sup>17</sup> All wrongdoing is sin, and there is sin that does not lead to death.

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<sup>19</sup> We know that we are children of God, and that the whole world is under the control of the evil one. <sup>21</sup> Dear children, keep yourselves from idols.

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<sup>20</sup> We know also that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true. And we are in him who is true by being in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.

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# Evagrius' Eight Assailing Thoughts

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# Evagrius' Eight Assailing Thoughts

1. Gluttony
2. Fornication
3. Avarice
4. Distress
5. Anger
6. Depression
7. Vanity
8. Pride

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- Vainglory
- Envy
- Sloth
- Avarice
- Wrath
- Gluttony
- Lust

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