

Bad Habits Exercise

A Bad Habit is a negative, repeated behavior pattern.

It is the error or mistake congregational members continually make in spontaneous living and congregational activities.

A Bad Habit is like an addiction. It is a behavior pattern we keep trying to avoid, but keep doing in spite of ourselves. We tend to make excuses, and allow this behavior to go unchecked even when it undermines our quality of life together.

A Bad Habit is an action with negative outcomes. It is a verb, not a noun.

Define the action with a few descriptive words to make it clear what inevitably results.

Apostolic Church Seven Deadly Sins	Works of the Flesh Galatians 5:19-21	Common Institutional Church Problems	Our Church
Pride	Moral Corruption	Lack of accountability for core values among staff, board, and members	
Greed	Sexual Immorality	Tacit acceptance of sexual harassment, flirtation, or disreputable humor	
Lust	Doing Whatever Feels Good	Tacit acceptance of spousal or child abuse	
Envy	Idolatry	Denigrating people, churches, or religions; elevating my privileges over God's mission	
Gluttony	Drug use and Casting Spells	Conspicuous consumption; obsession with property/prestige	
Anger	Hate	Blind bigotry toward people different from ourselves	
Sloth	Fighting	Factional disputes over ideology or worship practices	
	Obsession	Sacred cows for programs, tactics, or technologies	
	Losing Your Temper	High emotions and cutting remarks	
	Competitive Opposition	Slander, blackmail, withholding support over disagreements	
	Conflict and Group Rivalry	Turf protection; rivalry for limited resources	
	Selfishness	Gossip, failure to preserve confidentiality	
	Jealousy	Competitiveness for power among staff and lay leaders	
	Drunken Partying	Do what is convenient, not what is right	