SLIDE NOTES 1 TITLE

In this module we will introduce 3 deadly virtues from DUTY ETHICS, and describe the conditional nature of VALUE ETHICS.

2 What is a Deadly Virtue?

Anim1: Imagine a straight and narrow path...

Anim2: With the Tree of Life as it's end destination.

Anim3: Off to the left is a path leading to a Casino.

Anim4: Instead of a Tree of Life, you get Thorns, Thistles and Cactus that represent obvious deadly vices.

Anim5: Imagine off to the right is a path leading to a Monastery.

Anim6: Instead of a Tree of Life, you get these beautiful flowering plants.

See any problems here?

Anim7: What you thought was an enticing flowery path is actually full of deadly poisonous varieties that can kill you...

Anim8: Quote Elder Packer

Anything that diverts you from the path is deadly...

- * Whether it be the Obvious Worldliness to the Left, or the Not-So Obvious False Doctrines to the right... Either way you have missed your destination.
- * False Religious Doctrine causing you to pursue something deadly as if it were the good (unlike a straightforward good ol' vice like drugs, gambling or pornography)

3 THE GOSPEL TARGET

- * We all OUGHT to aim for hitting the Gospel Mark.
- * The target is Christ-Like Perfection (Life, Joy, and Happiness)
- * In our pursuit of the Gospel Mark, there are two ways to spiritually die and miss the Celestial Kingdom.

Undershooting the Mark

Anim1: Deadly vices are undershooting the target

Anim2: This involves Carnality or Worldliness...

- * These are the "straight-up obvious" deadly addictions (Drugs, Pornography, Dishonesty, Fraud) that lead to Death, Sorrow and Misery.
- * Destruction of the wicked.

Overshoot the Mark.

Anim3: However, Satan is playing both sides of the fence. We are so focused on avoiding the wickedness that we forget about the other way to die.

* For those religiously-Minded, Satan tries to get us to overshoot the mark.

Anim4: These are the False Religious Doctrines.

- * The deadly virtues leading to Death, Sorrow and Misery.
- * These are the tools used to deceive even the very elect. Those who would never undershoot, but can be enticed to overshoot.

Anim5: D&C76:94 Describes the Celestial Gospel Mark (or target)

Anim6: D&C76:82 Describes the Under-shooters (Telestial)

Anim7: D&C76:75 Describes the Over-shooters (Terrestrial)

We won't discuss under-shooting in Eternalism much, because it is mostly self-evident. Instead we will focus on the "Over-shooting" trap that even many Latter-Day-Saints fall into.

4 DISTORTION OF DEFINITIONS

Quote President Benson...Confusion via distorting definitions.

Anim1: For example, take correct doctrines such as these (Grace, Obedience, Faith, etc.)

Anim2: Let's play the "Corruption Game"

* Let's figure out how SATAN messes with the definitions to cause distortion and confusion and turns them into **FALSE DOCTRINES** which all are examples of overshooting.

To GRACE add What?

Anim3: FREE...And say you don't have to do any actions other than to shout out "I believe".

Anim4: The Corrupt implication becomes "Everyone is saved NO MATTER WHAT", and we play the fiddle of Romans 3:23

To OBEDIENCE add what?

Anim5: BLIND

Anim6: The Corrupt implication becomes "Obey the pope, pastor, bishop, or Bin Laden NO MATTER WHAT", and we play the fiddle of 2 Corinthians 2:9...We become slaves to be acted upon instead of act for ourselves.

To FAITH add what?

Anim7: Q: To FAITH we also add BLIND.

Anim8: The Corrupt implication becomes "Everyone should turn off their reason and believe the pope, pastor, bishop, or Bin Laden NO MATTER WHAT", and we play the fiddle of 2 Corinthians 5:7

To LOVE add what?

Anim9: UNCONDITIONAL

Anim10: The Corrupt implication becomes "We should LOVE everyone including plane hijackers, suicide bombers, and corrupt politicians NO MATTER WHAT", and we play the fiddle of Matthew 5:43

To SERVICE add what?

Anim11: SELFLESS

Anim12: The Corrupt implication becomes "We should SERVE everyone NO MATTER WHAT, even if the person being served is playing you. Even at the cost of your own self and capacities ", and we play the fiddle of 1 Corinthians 13:4

To SACRIFICE add what?

Anim13: SELF...Sacrifice is a true doctrine, but always means "Trading Up" or giving up a lesser good for a greater good.

Anim14: When you turn it to Self-Sacrifice, the Corrupt implication becomes "We should SACRIFICE ourselves for others needs NO MATTER WHAT"...Sacrifice then becomes destructively "giving up" instead of "trading up"...and we play the fiddle of Matthew 10:39

To SIN add what?

Anim15: ORIGINAL

Anim16: The Corrupt implication becomes "Everyone is born EVIL...NO MATTER WHAT"...we start baptizing babies, playing the fiddle of Jeremiah 17:9, and telling grieving family members that their departed infant is going to hell because they were never sprinkled before they died.

These false heavenly ideals are like fool's gold, in that those living them think they are obtaining the riches of eternity, when in fact they are only impoverishing themselves by giving up a greater good for a lesser good.

Of these Deadly virtues, which do you see as being a major or minor problem creeping into the LDS community?

* Let's use a scale of 1-10 and estimate a rank of them...<5 being a minor problem...>5 being a major problem.

We Estimate the following:

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Anim1: Free Grace...Not so much but some. Latter-day Saints generally understand Faith without works is Dead.

Anim2: Blind Obedience...Some. Latter-day Saints generally understand and are taught to seek a spiritual confirmation for ourselves.

Anim3: Same with Blind Faith. We are taught to get personal revelation.

Anim4: Unconditional Love…Taught all over the place.

Anim5: Selfless Service...Taught all over the place.

Anim6: Self Sacrifice…Taught all over the place.

Anim7: Original Sin...Extremely clear Latter-day Saint doctrine on this false ideology.

Latter-day Saint culture has allowed the abominable creeds to creep into our teachings.

ALTRUISM

Anim8: In Philosophical terms this is Altruism or which essentially means "Otherism"

FALSE CHRIST LIKE LOVE

Anim9: Teaching Christ-Like Love falsely as: Selfless, Self-Sacrificial, Unconditional

* Ethically it becomes the "Gospel of Others" overshooting the mark of "The Gospel of Jesus Christ"

6 Three Deadly Virtues

Later modules will describe these in more detail. In this module we just introduce them with a general overview.

Unconditional Love

Anim1: Quote Elder Nelson...Unconditional Love - Sharply condemned

- * Quote Elder Christofferson...Unconditional Love is the blanket many people want to cover all kinds of bad philosophies with.
- * The primacy issue of LIFE over LOVE...anti-Christs put people's Eternal Life at stake by giving them a fake "get-out-of-jail-free" pass called Unconditional Love to cover up their bad behavior.
- * The case Eternalism is making is that God's Love is "proportional" not unconditional.

Self-Sacrifice

Anim2: Quote True To The Faith...Self-Sacrifice is an obvious contradiction in terms...For you, me, and everyone else, our greatest value is our own self...Our own Eternal Life.

- * You are a self. No one else can live your life for you.
- * The primacy issue of HAPINESS over DUTY...Sacrifice means trading up...Growing, progressing, becoming better.
- * Everything you sacrifice for is for your "self". This makes you happy.
- * Self-Sacrifice in the wrong definition is destructive, diminishing, becoming less. This is a recipe for unhappiness.

Selflessness

Anim3: Quote David Call Quote...Many still teach this one.

* This is a David Call quote from his book back in 1984, before he knew better.

7 Let's do some target practice.

With OBEDIENCE...What is the deadly undershoot the mark version?

Anim1: Disobedience

What is the deadly overshoot the mark version?

Anim2: A religious vow of...Blind Obedience

Either way you become a slave...To the consequences of disobedience, or to whom you are blindly following.

* God wants us to learn to become independent like him.

8 With the WEALTH...What is the deadly "undershoot the mark" version?

Anim1: Covetousness...Love of money

What is the deadly "overshoot the mark" version?

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Anim2: A religious vow of...Poverty Either way you never learn how to be a good steward of things. 9 With TEMPLE MARRIAGE...What is the deadly "undershoot the mark" version? Anim1: Cohabitation (not even temporal marriage) What is the deadly "overshoot the mark" version? Anim2: A religious vow of...Celibacy Both of these will keep you from the highest level of the Celestial Kingdom (Exaltation) 10 * These are the 4 deadly primacy issues in Ethics... * They all incorrectly share a form of "Unconditional", "No Matter What", "Always Must", as a consequence of being derived from Duty Ethics. Anim1: As a primer to our coming discussion on Unconditional Love consider President Nelson's statement: Quote President Nelson Anim2: DIVINE LOVE IS ACTIONABLE * Love is one of the most conflicted words in the English language. A recent evaluation of dictionary.com had 28 entries listed for love (14 noun, 8 verb, 6 idiom). * The common mistake being made today is confusing **EMOTIONAL LOVE** from **Primacy of Consciousness** with ACTIONABLE LOVE from Primacy of Reality which is conditional due to the proportional nature of keeping of commandments. Anim3: Quote Shakespeare said it eloquently. Anim4: Quotes Christ said it straightforwardly. 11 * Let's put a list together of "<mark>Conditional Thing</mark>s" and "<mark>Unconditional Things</mark>" and discuss them. * As we discuss the conditional list, think of the words "Must Be Worthy" * As we discuss the unconditional list, think of the words "Worthy or Unworthy"...doesn't matter either way. Anim 1-14: List one at a time * Note 1: Mortality...1/3 didn't get it * Note 2: Light of Christ...Christ's atonement is only available to mortals Anim15: God's Love...Does something seem out of place here? Anim16: This is where many people jump the track...By picking a single concept and running with it out of context of the entire track they were on, undercutting all standards and principles. Anim17: Taking unconditional love and running with it brings up some obvious contradictions. 12 Quote Elder Nelson... * Life is Conditional...Anything built on top of life is also conditional. Anim1: Quote 1 Nephi 11:21-22 * Tree of Life...Is conditionally available only to those who stick on the straight and narrow path leading to the tree... * It is not available in vending machines across the gulf in the great and spacious building. * Nor are there street vendors peddling it in on the road along the path. * It is conditionally available ONLY to those who keep the commandments and do the work to arrive at the tree. * God's Love is proportional to our keeping the commandments (the things on the list, as well as our righteous choices brought with us from the pre-mortal life) How do we show our love?

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	Anim2: Quote John 14:15 * Notice love in the scriptures is always an action word. * Also conditionally with a big IF * We cannot claim to Love God if we disobey John 14:15And God cannot give the Tree of Life (His Love) if we disobey John14:15.	
13	Questions? Rating?	