

## Books by Dr. Backus

Finding the Freedom of Self-Control
The Good News About Worry
The Healing Power of a Christian Mind
The Hidden Rift With God
Learning to Tell Myself the Truth
Teaching Your Children to Tell Themselves the Truth
(with Candace Backus)
Telling Each Other the Truth
Telling the Truth to Troubled People
Telling Yourself the Truth (with Marie Chapian)
What Your Counselor Never Told You

## Contents

Poem: "What Happened to the Seven Deadly Sins?" 10
Introduction:
Sick or Sinful?
Chapter One:
Taking Sin Seriously
Chapter Two:
Pride—The Root of the Root Sins
Chapter Three:
Envy—The Sin That Promises Nothing Good 77
Chapter Four:
Anger—Wrong or Right? When and How? 97
Chapter Five:
Greed—Falling in Love With Possessions
Chapter Six:
Sloth—Depression or Laziness? Sickness or Sin? 141
Chapter Seven:
Lust—What It Promises and What It Delivers 163
Chapter Eight:
Gluttony—Selling Out to Pleasure
Appendix One:
Taking and Scoring the Sin Test
Appendix Two:
The Sin Test and Psychopathology243
Appendix Three:
More History of the Seven Deadly Sins

## Copyrighted Material Finding the Root of the Problem I'm tired of always comparing myself to others. My husband and I can't stop fighting. A friend of mine drinks too much. Some people make me so mad. My wife is constantly depressed. LL OF US HAVE STRUGGLES IN LIFE. We try to change our ways or thought patterns. We try to understand why life isn't going the way it should. Perhaps you, your spouse, another family member, or a friend has needed some help. Visiting a counselor seemed to make no difference. No improvement. No breakthrough. When healing doesn't occur or last, it may be because the root of the problem hasn't been exposed. In What Your Counselor Never Told You, Dr. William Backus reveals the much ignored and denied basis for common emotional and psychological problems. Drawing from decades of research and practice, he shows that many distresses in life can be traced back to one of seven traits or characteristics, most commonly known as the Seven Deadly Sins. The key is understanding which of these traits are more dominant in your life, and therefore troublesome, and then learning how to embrace God's remedy