

1 **Deeds of the Flesh - Fruit of the Spirit pt 1**

Galatians 5:19-26

Battle-flesh & spirit 24/7 if not engage you'll fall to flesh—so easy to **instantly** flip from spiritual walk to flesh—*driving listening songs of praise living the lyrics, communing w/ Lord-safe distance driver in front--fancy car zooms in front, no signal-so I give high beam flicker-rude no signal, I can ride his bumper because he pulled so close to send message or back off safe distance like I had before he zipped in front.* News can anger take eyes off Lord. *Beach w/ Lord bathing suit distraction*--web w/ pop ups--corruption in government or **culture's direction**, lawlessness & nothing done only talked about—**Russia gate-no consequences**. Those who walk in the spirit are like Lot whose righteous soul was vexed by the unprincipled living of those in Sodom and Gomorrah.

19 Now the **deeds-works** of the flesh are **evident**, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, 20 idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, 21 envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you just as I have forewarned you that those who practice such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

We are living at a time & in a culture unwilling to define right & wrong, truth & error, real science & fake science—some can't even define man & woman. People who are that confused are ripe for the gospel & we have an opportune time to share it.

God defines true & error, right and wrong & by the conviction of Holy Spirit, He sets free & us mind of Christ. In our woke culture, God defines sin, lifestyles leading to destruction who will not inherit heaven but lead to hell. Important to see how God sees (Bible). Master passion of a person's life is their god, seen in how they live--a tree is known by its fruit.

16 NSAB But I say, walk by the Spirit, & you will not carry out the **desire-lust** of the flesh. **17** For the flesh sets its **desire-lusteth** against the Spirit, & the Spirit against the flesh

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Lust/desire not only sexual but defined in 19-21 Refers to passionate longing can be positive for God but in this case negative for the flesh—Craving for what is forbidden—*Eve*--the thing that excites desire & you long to have it--set your heart upon it--a passion for it.

15 sins listed--God's hate list w/ 4 categories—One sexual sins *immorality, impurity, sensuality*. Two spiritual sins *idolatry, sorcery*. Three social sins *enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, 21 envying*. Four intemperate sins *drunkenness, carousing, and things like these*

Same sins today as them only repackaged for consumption--*Adultery* now affair or tryst(*rendezvous*) *Homosexual* now gay or same gender sexual behavior *APA American psychological association*--Change the name doesn't change the sin. Change label on bottle of *poison* doesn't change fact if drink you die.

Deeds lit *works*--a thing labored for, takes effort, end up an occupation. *Of flesh* or *fallen nature prone to sin*--rebellion against God. Wants freedom to do whatever it wants. Independent of restraints & given over to worldly pleasures. God calls sin--a work of the flesh--*world calls sickness* .

Evident--clear--visible--obvious--made plain--well known—*King parable* pg 7

Immorality-porneia--not worst but most common in Greek/Roman culture. English *pornography* *porneia* + *graph* pictures, images. Immorality was accepted--yet shameful in God's eyes. Sexual sin outside of marriage.

Christianity came as God's purifying agent into out of control society. No longer open--*free sex* but God *Heb 13:4 Marriage is to be held in honor among all, & the marriage bed is to be undefiled; for God will judge the sexually immoral & adulterers.*

Impurity--refers to moral impurity in thought & deed especially in sexual sin. *Grk* carries idea of filth, moral defilement of thought, actions or speech. Impure mind sees dirt in everything. '*Some men's minds are like race horses they run best on a dirt track*' Refers to anything makes a person unusable for purposes of God.

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Medically Hippocrates used the word describing **infection**-oozing wound w/ pus & crusty impurities—things related to God. Also used for decaying matter—the grave. The word describes extreme behavior—a lack of restraint in moral disposition. Filthy on the inside. **My dream**

Sensuality-licentious-any excess lack of restraint, conveys the idea of shameless, especially w/ sexual excesses. Degrading immorality, uninhibited lewdness. Flaunting sexual liberty as badge of pride. **Parades** Not care what others think or message it sends. *It describes absence of restraint and reckless sinning with little sense of shame even though it shocks public civility because of its lack of regard for society.*

The Greeks defined it as “a disposition of the soul that resents all discipline--**Basil** Pastor Caesarea in AD 300’s defined it, “It is that attitude of the soul which has never borne & never will bear the pain of discipline.” It is the insolence that knows no restraint, that has no sense of the decencies of things, that will dare anything that wanton caprice demands, that is careless of public opinion and its own good name so long as it gets what it wants... It has been defined as “readiness for any pleasure.”...

Living in sin most people try to hide it having some sense of respectability not wanting to be found out **but** sensual person doesn’t care what others think, he only wants to satisfy his desires & shamelessly flaunts it.

Idolatry--reverence for what is not God, Something other than Jesus Christ. Today in America not bow to stone or wood images yet their idols are wealth, pleasure, power, fame—in mind & on the throne of their heart.

1 Peter 4:3 *For the time already past is sufficient for you to have carried out the desire of the Gentiles, having pursued a course of sensuality, lusts, drunkenness, carousals, drinking parties and abominable idolatries.*

Sorcery-pharmakeia Eng pharmacy taking & distribution of drugs. Altered state of mind, in a spell—Paul’s day magical potions, remedies—related to false religions **No drugged driving—yet bill to legalize Marijuana**

Ephesus Acts 19:19 *And many of those who practiced magic brought their books together and began burning them in the sight of all; and they counted up the price of them and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver. **5 million \$***

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God's wrath on Christ rejecting world in *Rev 18:23 for your merchants were the great men of the earth, because all the nations were deceived by your sorcery pharmakeia*

Enmities—speaks of an enemy, one who is hostile to another—**antagonist-enmity** suggests positive hatred, open or concealed—deep-rooted hatred—non-reconcilable **hostility**--In its essence enmity is the opposite of love

Strife—carries the ideas of all kinds of self-centered rivalry & contention over what is truth. Bitter & often violent in its conflict & dissension. Persistent contention, bickering, petty disagreement, & enmity. At work is a spirit of antagonistic competitiveness that fights to have its own way, regardless of cost to itself or of harm to others. It's source is desire to win over, to gain highest place of prominence & prestige. It is egotistical lacking humility & love. **Cult of cult watchers**

Jealousy—to boil, sound of bubbling water, figuratively to be fervent or show great enthusiasm. Originally a good word which described zeal in cause of Christ. Fervent in serving others, single minded devotion. But also takes a turn when describing one who is extreme or fanatical. It is jealous of what someone else has or their achievements or standing in life. A spirit that is not content w/ what they have & begrudges others for what they have & looks w/ envy at what someone else has & denied to them.

Outbursts of anger-thumos move impetuously- the air or wind, a violent motion or passion of the mind; move violently, rush along describing **passion**--agitated or "heated" anger that rushes impulsively toward a thing. A welling up, a mighty emotion that moves the whole inner man.

Thumos—word pictures hard or violent breathing a "panting rage". Paul taught in verse 16, walking in the Spirit is the preventative against this type of sudden, explosive rage. Rode rage—Bob knoll square fin in deck

The Greeks likened the word to fire among straw—it quickly blazed & just as quickly burned itself out. **Orge** is anger which has become ingrained and habitual-- long-lasting, slow-burning anger, which refuses to be put out or pacified--nurses its wrath to keep it warm...

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Disputes-self-seeking-the desire to be #1 no matter what the cost! strife, contentious, rivalry---those who seek only their own. It describes personal gratification & self-fulfillment at any cost, which are the ultimate desire of the flesh. No room for others, no humility only self elevation. Opposite of Jesus who humbled himself taking on form of bond servant...

Also refers to those wanting an office as a means of elevating **self** & was connected to politics--Rallying favor & support for public office. Not from a motive of public service, but for want of gain. Describes **selfish** & **self-centered** ambition-no desire to serve others but only what it can get for self.

Dissensions-standing apart in discord, disunity, contention, division into opposing groups. Disagreement leading to discord. Strife from differing opinions which divides into factions. *Romans 16:17* Now I urge you, brethren, **keep your eye on** (notice carefully, watch out for, pay careful attention to, continually, those who cause **dissensions** and hindrances contrary to the teaching which you learned, and **turn away** make it your habit to steer clear or keep away from them.

Factions-to choose, elect, prefer to take for oneself; denotes choosing-opinion, belief held to be true--a sect or faction holds to its own point of view

Hairesis-a self-willed opinion, personal preference unwilling to yield to biblical balance & truth leading to division & formation of own group. At that time described the teaching of a particular philosopher that a person identified w/ & followed. Forming a school that gathered around this authoritative figure whose dogmas the followers accepted & rules determining their lifestyle.

Envy-agitation and grief seeing the good and happiness of others. Not just wanting what they have but resenting them having it. Bitterness leading to division and strife, even murder. English comes from Latin negative video or to look w/ ill-will toward another. Those who envy can't stand to see the prosperity of others & are resentful toward them & our basic desire is to degrade them. One of the most detestable of sins.

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Drunkenness-intentional and habitual intoxication. Two of the three NT uses of **carousing** & **drunkenness** are found side-by-side, which tells us one sin often leads to another.

Carousing-originally winner of athletic contest on their way home, jubilant over the victory singing the praises of the victor. The word in time degenerated to the point where it meant in meaning "carousal"--noisy, all night, unruly reveling, a riotous procession of drunk partiers parading in the streets with torches & music in honor of Bacchus or other pagan gods making a major public disturbance. Simplified the term refers to drinking parties late into the night w/ loud and boisterous attendees

Paul two times forewarned-told beforehand, in advance, predicted or warned them in advance. To do as a regular practice, habitually, deliberate choice as a lifestyle, no one is making you do—not a sickness or disease, you are responsible—not inherit the K of G

Spurgeon All who commit any of the sins in this long black catalogue are sowing to the flesh, and not to the Spirit. When a man sows to the flesh, what will the harvest be? "The one who sows to his own flesh will reap corruption" ([Gal 6:8](#))—putridity, rottenness, death! The sin that the sinner thought was sweet as honey turns bitter as gall to him. There are many men & women in this world who have lived in sin until it has become its own punishment, & if it is not so in this world, it will be so in the world to come.

Luther This is a hard saying, but very necessary for those false Christians & hypocrites who speak much about the Gospel, about faith, & the Spirit, yet live after the flesh. But this hard sentence is directed chiefly at the heretics who are large w/ their own self-importance, that they may be frightened into taking up the fight of the Spirit against the flesh.

Was once an Emperor so extremely fond of new clothes that he spent all he had on being well dressed-going to the theatre, riding in his carriage to show off his new clothes. In that great city w/ all its festivities many strangers came to town, & among them one day came 2 swindlers. They let it be known they were weavers, & said they could weave the most exquisite fabrics imaginable. Not only were the colors & patterns uncommonly fine, but clothes made of such material had a wonderful way of becoming invisible to anyone who was unfit for office, or simply a fool. “Those are just the clothes for me,” thought the Emperor. “If I wore them I would be able to discover which in my empire are unfit for office & I could tell the wise men from the fools. Yes, I certainly must have these clothes.” He paid the 2 swindlers a large sum of money to start work. They set up 2 looms & pretended to weave, though there was nothing on the looms. As time passed the Emperor curious of the progress but remembered that those who were unfit for their position would not be able to see the fabric. “I’ll send my honest old minister to the weavers,” he decided. “He’ll be the best one to tell me how the material looks, for he is sensible & a loyal assistant.” The whole town knew about the clothes peculiar power & all were anxious to find out how stupid their neighbors were. The old minister went to the room where the 2 swindlers sat working away at empty looms. “Oh no!” he thought as his eyes fixated on the looms, “I can’t see anything”. But he did not say so. Both swindlers asked him to come near to approve the excellent pattern & beautiful colors. They pointed at the empty looms, & the poor man not wanting to be considered stupid praised the clothes. Oh, they’re beautiful. And so he gave false praise of the clothes to the Emperor, who himself came w/ his noblemen. The swindlers each raised an arm as if holding something. They said, “These are the trousers, here’s the coat, & this is the mantle,” naming each garment. “All of them are as light as a spider web. One would almost think he had nothing on, but that’s what makes them so fine.” All the noblemen agreed, though they could see nothing, for there was nothing to see. “If Your Majesty will take your clothes off,” said the swindlers, “we will help you get dressed in your new clothes.” The Emperor undressed, & the swindlers pretended to put his new clothes on him, one garment after another in front of a mirror. They went around the waist & seemed to be fastening something. “How well your new clothes look, your excellency. They are so becoming!” said the noblemen, “The pattern is perfect! The colors, so striking! It is a magnificent outfit.” Announcement came: “Your Majesty’s canopy is waiting outside, So off went the Emperor in procession. Everyone in the streets & the windows said, “Oh, how fine are the Emperor’s new clothes! Don’t they fit him to perfection? Nobody would confess that he couldn’t see anything, for that would prove them a fool. Finally a little boy cried out “The king has no clothes” Then another person whispered, “He hasn’t anything on. A child can see that “he has no clothes” Finally the whole town cried out at last, the Emperor has no clothes. He had suspected this all along. But thought, “The procession must go on.” So he walked more proudly than ever, as his noblemen held high the canopy & pretended the Emperor was dressed in magnificent clothes—**There are none so blind as those who will not see**