

THE WORKS OF THE FLESH
Congregational Worksheet – Wednesday, February 6, 2008

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- Gal 5:19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are *these*; adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,
Gal 5:20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,
Gal 5:21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told *you* in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

Now, here we have a list of 17 different things that are classified here as The Works of The Flesh. In other words, this list of sins will be the result of someone allowing their flesh to have control over their actions rather than allowing The Spirit to control their lives.

***The following things are mentioned...**

1. ADULTERY. Adultery means _____ sexual relations.
It is immoral sexual conduct of any kind between a married person and someone other than their spouse.

Exo 20:14 Thou shalt not commit adultery.

It is also important to take notice of the words of Christ in Mathew 5:28.

Mat 5:28 But I say unto you, That whosoever ***looketh on a woman to lust after her*** hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.

2. FORNICATION. The word Fornication is taken from the Greek word “porneia” and it refers to sexual immorality of _____.

Such as...

- Sexual relations of any kind between people who are unmarried.
- Partaking of pornographic material such as video’s, magazines, books, or literature.
- It also includes allowing sexually impure _____ to be entertained in your mind.

Fornication was a problem that plagued the Church of Corinth.

*Read 1 Cor 5:1-11.

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3. UNCLEANNES. It has been said by some housewives that “Cleanliness is next to Godliness”... but this word has a slightly different meaning.

It means: Evil deeds, especially pertaining to _____, and can include not only actions, but also the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Eph 5:3 But fornication, **and all uncleanness...** let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints;

4. LASCIVIOUSNESS. Following one’s passions and desires to the point of having no shame or decency.

This word carries strong sexual connotations and includes anything that encourages lewd _____ or causes lustful _____ to arise.

A good example of this word be a woman who acts in a _____ manner or who dresses _____,

Both of which are actions that _____ lasciviousness in the heart of a man.

Rom 1:32 Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

1Ti 5:22 Lay hands suddenly on no man, neither be partaker of other men's sins: keep thyself pure.

5. IDOLATRY. The worship of spirits, persons, or graven images.

It refers to anything that comes between us and our relationship with God. (I just preached a sermon on this called “Guarding ourselves against the second commandment” that dealt extensively with this).

It’s where we hold _____ more dear to us than God, whether it’s a person, a possession, a hobby... anything.

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6. WITCHCRAFT. Meaning sorcery, spiritism, the worship of Satan or demons, or any type of occultic or _____ practice.

***Some more _____ examples of witchcraft, or where you find witchcraft encouraged would be...**

- The use of Ouija boards.
- Harry Potter books or films.

Notice that The Bible never uses labels such as “white magic or black magic” or “good witch or bad witch”, it just puts them all in the same pile and gives them on title: SIN!!!

This word also pertains to mind effecting drugs, such as lsd, pcg, cocaine, marijuana, speed, and even some forms of prescription drugs. Anything thing that alters the mind.

***The Bible also says in 1 Samuel 15:23 that _____ is as the sin of witchcraft.**

7. HATRED. Refers to _____ dislike or enmity.

A good indication that hatred is being displayed in your life is if you hold any _____ or have _____ towards someone.

***Also notice another aspect of this word that is described in 1 John 3:15, **1Jn 3:15** Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.**

8. VARIANCE. Means to _____ with someone or to antagonize them.

***ILLUSTRATION of AFRICAN PREACHER WHO WAS REVIVED.**

In 1 Corinthians 1:11 the word “contention” comes from the same Greek word, where it says.

1Co 1:11 For it hath been declared unto me of you, my brethren, by them *which are of the house* of Chloe, that there are **contentions** among you.

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9. EMULATIONS. To be resentful of someone else, or to be _____ of someone else's success.

It speaks of _____ taking place so that the person that has emulations in their life, will try outdo or be more successful than somebody else.

*Again, this was a problem that The Corinthian Church struggled with...

1Co 3:3 For ye are yet carnal: for whereas *there is* among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?

10. WRATH.

Explosive anger or rage that flares into a _____ outburst.

This outburst can be either _____ or _____.

Wrath is what The Jews poured out on Stephen as they stoned him to death.

Notice what is being said in Colossians chapter 3...

Col 3:5 Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth....

Col 3:6 For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience:

Col 3:7 In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them.

Col 3:8 But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath...

In other words, if you don't get rid of *your* wrath, then you're going to receive *God's* wrath.

11. STRIFE. This describes a person who has selfish ambitions or seeks personal _____ or _____.

It is speaking of a person who is seeking to win _____ to themselves.

*A good example of someone that has strife in their life would be someone who is jealous of someone else's position or job, so they try to rally people around them in an attempt to steal that person's title or in an attempt to try and prove themselves to be more worthy of the position.

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12. SEDITIONS. A person that introduces divisive teachings that are not supported in The Word of God.

Satan uses such people in an attempt to bring _____ and _____ within The Body of Christ.

*The Bible warns us numerous times about this very thing...

1Ti 4:1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

2Ti 3:13 But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.

Act 20:29 For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.

13. HERESIES. A division within a local congregation consisting of selfish groups or cliques, which destroy the _____ of The Church.

A good description of this is found in 1 Corinthians 11:18-22, where certain people at that Church would meet to eat and would bring an abundance of food, and yet when other people of the same congregation came for the same purpose, yet were lacking food, the people with the abundance didn't offer them a place at their table or a portion of their food, they simply left them to be to themselves.

14. ENVYINGS. To be _____ of someone else's good fortune or blessings. It is a resentful dislike of someone because of something that they possess in the natural *or* in the spiritual.

*A good example of this would be Cain's feelings towards his brother Abel. You can find this story in Genesis chapter 4.

After Cain allowed this sin to run it's course in his life, notice what God said to him... **Gen 4:7** If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted?

That shows that envying stems from _____ and a lack of diligence that the person you are envious of takes the time to possess.

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15. MURDERS. Killing a person _____ .

Now, it is important to notice one particular word that's found in that definition....
It's the word UNLAWFUL.

Because this verse is not referring to the killing that takes place in a time of _____ or in an instance of _____ .

-God obviously instituted capital punishment. **Example Lev. 20.*

-He commanded killing in war. **Example Num. 25: 17-18.*

16. DRUNKENNESS. The _____ of one's mental or physical state by the use of alcoholic drink or substance abuse.

There are two things that I want to bring out about this definition.

1. The word impair means:

To lessen the quality of something, to lessen it's usefulness or it's abilities.

2. This definition does not put a limit or a rating on when or to what extent this impairing must occur.

So that means that even while drinking "socially" or becoming even the slightest bit "tipsy" falls under the definition of this word.

Meaning if you drink and it effects you in any way, you are a _____ .

17. REVELLINGS.

That word means, _____ or "a party spirit.

It is speaking of "party goers" that partake in sinful acts while meeting together. Whether it be the consumption of alcohol or drugs, obscene music and dancing, or anything else that is contrary to The Word of God.

*For other Biblical lists of things that are unacceptable to God, please study, Rom 1:28-31, 1 Cor 6:9-10, Col 3:5-6, Eph 5:5, 1 Tim 1:9-10, Rev 22:15.