Spirit of God in the Life of the Christian and the Life of the Church

READ Galatians 5:19-21 “Serious and Dangerous Deeds of the Flesh” Part Three

INTRODUCTION Manifestation of the Works of the Flesh 5:19 Condemnation of the Works of Flesh 5:21

sins of self-gratification “I get what I want & you will give it to me” sins of self-exaltation “I want what I want & desire me”

sins of self-vindication “I seek me and fight for me against you” sins of self-indulgence “It is All About Me and Not You”

# Description of the Works of the Flesh 5:19-20 natural soil of the human heart

1) Sins of Self-Gratification “I Love Me & Want You” “I get what I want & you will give it to me”

  **IMMORALITY** **IMPURITY** **SENSUALITY**

2) Sins of Self-Exaltation “I Want What I Want & Desire Me” **IDOLATRY** **SORCERY**

 “I desire it for me & you will give it or else” “I get what I want & you will give it to me”

3) Sins of Self-Vindication “I seek me and fight for me against you” largest category and longest list

adversarial attitudes most extensive group these build on each other and grow from one another

 “I want what I want & it will be all about me” expand and spread with each other

obvious approach of the pharisees towards Jesus sins of self-righteous people [can be at home in religious men]

Enmities–this is the guy who is always angry at others, an angry guy

Strife–this is the self-driven guy who always wants to win or be first

Jealousy–the desire to have what someone else has

Outbursts of anger–anger that explodes, then dies out, then explodes again

Disputes–the self-seeker who festers animosity towards others

Dissensions–the aspect of the flesh, the one who separates herself from everyone

Factions–the man in the flesh who divides up against friends and family alike, like the dog who says,

 “It’s not that dogs have to win, but cats must lose.”

Envying—those who are pained when other people succeed

What would be some Biblical examples of each Deed of the Flesh in this List? Conflict, Competition, Comparison

**EMNITIES** [pl] hostile actions and attitudes toward others, irreconcilable hostility, in conflict with others

 *How are the teachings of Jesus different from this?* Matthew 5; Luke 7; John 15

*Which fruit of the Spirit subdues this strong deed of the flesh?*

*What would be a question I could ask to reveal this deed of the flesh?*

produces . . .

**STRIFE** [9x] fighting, quarreling, bickering throwing punches with words, kicking with attitudes,

desire to prevail, win, dominate, have my place Romans 1:28-31; 1 Corinthians 1:9-11

produces . . .

**JEALOUSY** [24x] used in others lists 2 Corinthians 12; Romans 13; James 3:14-16 self-centered zeal

 desire as though you are most deserving of what others have “when you are not the one . . .”

 *What are we tempted to be jealous about in this life? How are we jealous of others?*

produces . . .

**OUTBURSTS OF ANGER** selfish interpretation and action of condemnation against others

 Romans 2:8; 2 Corinthians 12:20; Ephesians 4:31; Colossians 3:8

produces . . .

**DISPUTES** selfish ambition, self interests, rivalry “comparing for self”

**DISSENSIONS** separates people, rebellious unrest “a standing apart” dividing people

produces . . .  divisively expressed their "choices" or opinions

**FACTIONS** promote party spirit of taking sides, strategy of disputes and dissensions “gossip to win people”

**ENVYING** ill will for others for what they have or who they are resentment, discontentment, covetousness

 be someone different or have more than you have and more than that other person

## APPLICATION

1. *Are you battling any of these deeds of the flesh in your life?*
2. *Are any of these deeds of the flesh observed by others?*
3. *Are you walking in the Spirit in such a way that these deeds of the flesh are not being pursued in your life?*