

Woodland Baptist Church
Morning Worship - September 23, 2012
Galatians 5:16-26 Works of the Flesh, Part 3

1. Galatians 5:16-26

- a. The FLESH and the SPIRIT are at WAR with one another
- b. EVIDENCE of WALKING in the flesh
- c. **19 Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, 20 idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, 21 envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.**

2. Works of the flesh are _____.

- a. **20 idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries**
IMMORALITY (Sex), IDOLATRY (Religion)

3. IMMORALITY - Misdirected/Unholy desires - Mark 7:1-21

4. IDOLATRY - Misdirected/Unholy worship - Romans 1:12-25

- a. Idolatry [eidololatria, uniquely Christian]
 - i. In our time, we don't necessarily "cut" or "fashion" idols with our hands...we just _____ them, _____ them or participate in them.
 - ii. Worshiping man-made images/things of whatever sort; worship of false gods; sports, money, stardom, prestige, popularity, self, beauty, theology, empty traditions, methods, people, machines, nature, food, buildings, false religions, politics...etc.
- b. Witchcraft/sorcery [pharmakeia]
 - i. Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical are derived from this word; originally used of _____ in general but came to be used primarily of mood and mind-altering drugs used many times to induce communication with deities, so it came to be associated with sorcery and witchcraft.
 - ii. Conveys the idea of black magic and demonic control; this word can also be used in conjunction with abortive measures for infants where drugs are used to induce the death of the infant or other sinister reasons.
 - iii. Going to the wrong _____ for information such as horoscopes, self help books, astrology, zodiac, witch doctors...etc; magic show religion
 - iv. Secret tampering with the powers of evil. [Stott]

5. ANIMOSITY (Society) - Misdirected/Unholy relationships

- a. Enmity [echthra]
 - i. The hatred that lies at the root of discord; _____ loneliness; unidentified angst; used to describe mankind's hostility of God.
 - ii. **Romans 8:7** - For the mind that is set on the flesh is **hostile** to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed it cannot.
- b. Strife [eris]
 - i. The contention that divides people from one another; quarrels, discord, having a contentious temper; _____ competition.
 - ii. **Romans 1:28-29** - 28 And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done. 29 They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness.
- c. Jealousy [zelos]
 - i. Zeal that is _____ in self-glorification; all consuming yet never satisfied wants; becoming angry at another person's success; becoming envious of what one has.
 - ii. **James 3:13-14** - 13 Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. 14 But if you have **bitter jealousy and selfish ambition** in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. 15 This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is **earthly, unspiritual, demonic**.
- d. Fits of anger/bursts of rage [thymos]
 - i. _____ flashes of anger poured out on others; uncontrollable temper that leaves in its wake people who are the object of one's wrath; brutal temper; intense desire increasing to fury and wrath.
 - ii. **Acts 7:54** - Now when they heard these things they were **enraged**, and they ground their teeth at him.
- e. Rivalries/selfish ambition [eritheia]
 - i. An _____ to love and be loved; unable to focus on the good of others but grasps after honor and praise for one's self; "Office seeking" or "canvassing for office." Absalom's attitude against his father, David to take his throne.
 - ii. **2 Samuel 15:6** - Thus Absalom did to all of Israel who came to the king for judgment. So Absalom **stole the hearts** of the men of Israel.
- f. **I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.**