

Woodland Baptist Church
Morning Worship - September 16, 2012
Galatians 5:16-26 Works of the Flesh, Part 2

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. **Sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, 20 idolatry, sorcery, IMMORALITY, IDOLATRY**

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

- a. Sexual immorality [porneia] - _____ of sexual sin
 - i. Unlawful and immoral sexual relationships [outside of marriage such as adultery, fornication, incest, homosexuality, and bestiality]; interpreted as prostitution from the sale of women into slavery; In Paul's day it was only frowned upon when taken to excess [Longnecker, George, Stott, MacArthur].
 - ii. Other references - 1 Thess 4:1-8; 1 Cor 5, 6:18-20
 - iii. Where we get the word, "pornography."
 - iv. Remember Sodom and Gomorrah - Genesis 18-19
- b. Impurity [akatharsia] _____ from sexual sin
 - i. Literally means "unclean," and was used _____ to refer to an infected, oozing wound [MacArthur]
 - ii. In Scripture the term is used to describe both moral and ceremonial uncleanness, any impurity that prevents a person from approaching God.
 - iii. Immorality, filth, refuse, vileness.
- c. Sensuality/debauchery [alselgeia] - _____ sexual sins
 - i. Unrestrained sexual indulgence without shame and concern for what others think or how they may be affected.
 - a) It is not because these sins are more intrinsically heinous than the others but rather because they display more graphically the self-centeredness and rebellion against God's norm that mark all of the others as well. For believers to be

caught up (or literally "caught") in sexual misconduct deeply grieves the Holy Spirit, whose presence within their lives has made of their bodies temples unto the Lord.

- ii. **2 Corinthians 12:21** - 21 I fear that when I come again my God may humble me before you, and I may have to mourn over many of those who sinned earlier and have not repented of the **impurity, sexual immorality, and sensuality** that they have practiced.

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.
- c. **I warn you as I did before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.**
 - i. **Romans 13:11-14** - 11 Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. 12 The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. 13 Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. 14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.