

Woodland Baptist Church
Morning Worship - September 30, 2012
Galatians 5:16-26 Works of the Flesh, Part 4

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),
ANIMOSITY (Relationships)

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

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

5. ANIMOSITY (Society) - Misdirected/Unholy relationships -
“violations of brotherly love”

- 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. Dissensions [dichostasia] Saducees, Pharisees, Essenes, Zealots
 - i. Cultivation of a party spirit or exclusive _____; Divided homes and divided lives
 - ii. **Romans 16:17** - 17 I appeal to you, brothers, to watch out for those who **cause divisions and create obstacles** contrary to the doctrine that you have been taught; **avoid them.**
- g. Divisions [hairesis] **2 Peter 2:1** - False prophets creating division
 - i. Factions, taking captive, capture, seizure, philosophical school, philosophic party; _____ dissension; intentional choice to walk in they of selfish pride, envy and bickering rather than the royal road of love, forgiveness and magnanimity.
- h. Envy [phthonos] Pharisees vs. Jesus; Synagogue vs. Paul
 - a. The vicious _____ of depersonalizing everyone into a rival.
 - b. Lightfoot - “Cherished **enmities** lead to **strife**, which finds its expression in outbreaks of **jealousies, outbursts of anger and unscrupulous intriguing** (rivalries). These in turn lead to the point where the contending parties separate and form either temporary **divisions** or permanent **parties**. The final **envying** is a grosser breach of charity than any hitherto mentioned, the wish to deprive one another of what he has.”
- i. Drunkenness, Orgies/Reveling [methe, komos]
 - a. By today's vocabulary this would be known as a _____ party; very common and happen on college campuses regularly.
- j. **I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.**