



BARRIERS TO OUR WALK WITH GOD

Reference Scriptures: Galatians 5:19-21

(19) Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, Fornication, Uncleaness, Lasciviousness, (20) Idolatry, Witchcraft, Hatred, Variance, Emulations, Wrath, Strife, Seditions, Heresies, (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.**

A. Manifestations of a fleshly life: sins that will condemn the soul.

- 1) Mark 7:21-23
- 2) Romans 1:29
- 3) I Corinthians 6:9

B. Seventeen (17) Works of the Flesh

- 1) **Adultery, Greek (Moicheia)** unlawful sexual relations between men and women, single or married. Out of 69 times this sin is referred to in scripture, only two passages speak of spiritual adultery (**Jeremiah 3:3-12; Ezekiel 16:37**). This term is not used in the broader sense of all forms of unchastely as is fornication. **All adultery is fornication, but all fornication is not adultery. (Matthew 15:19; Mark 7:21; John 8:3; Galatians 5:19).**
- 2) **Fornication, Greek (Porneia)** same as adultery above besides all manner of other unlawful relations. (Matt 5:32).
- 3) **Uncleaness, Greek (Akatharsia)** whatever is opposite of purity; including sodomy, homosexuality, lesbianism, pederasty, bestiality, and all other forms of sexual perversion. (**Matthew 23:27; Romans 1:21-32; 6:19; 2 Corinthians 12:21; Ephesians 4:19; 5:3; Colossians 3:5; 1 Thessalonians 2:3; 4:7; 2 Peter 2; Jude**)
- 4) **Lasciviousness, Greek (Aseigeia)** licentiousness, lustfulness, unchastity, and lewdness. Translation-lasciviousness (**Matthew 7:22; 2 Corinthians 12:21; Galatians 5:19; Ephesians 4:19; 1Peter 4:3; Jude 4**); wantonness (**Romans 13:13; 2 Peter 2:18**); and filthy (**2 Peter 2:7**). Lasciviousness is the promoting or partaking of that which tends to produce lewd emotions, anything tending to foster sex, sin and lust. That is why many worldly pleasures have to be avoided by the Christian – so that lasciviousness may not be committed.
- 5) **Idolatry, Greek (Eidololatreia)** image-worship (**1 Corinthians 10:14; Galatians 5:20; Colossians 3:5; 1 Peter 4:3**). Idolatry includes anything on which affections are passionately set; extravagant admiration of the heart (**Ephesians 5:5; Colossians 3:5**).
- 6) **Witchcraft, Greek (Pharmakeia)** sorcery, practice of dealing with evil spirits; magical incantations and casting spells and charms upon one by means of **drugs** and potions of various kinds (**Revelation 9:21; 18:23; Revelation 21:8; 22:15; Luke 12:29**). Enchantments were used to inflict evil, pains, hatred, sufferings, and death, or to bring wellness, health love, and other blessings.
- 7) **Hatred, Greek (Echthra)** Enmity (**Luke 23:12; Romans 8:7; Ephesians 2:15-16; James 4:4**); hatred (**Galatians 5:20**). Bitter dislike, abhorrence, malice, and ill-will against anyone; tendency to hold grudges against or be angry at someone.
- 8) **Variance, Greek (Eris)** (**Romans 1:29**) Dissensions, discord, quarreling, debating; and disputes.

- 9) Emulations, Greek (zeloi), envies, jealousies; strivings to excel at the expense of another; seeking to surpass and outdo others; uncurbed rivalry in religion, business, society, and other fields of endeavor, Trans, zeal (Jn. 2:17; Rom. 10:2; 2 Cor. 7:11; 9:2; Phil. 3:6; Col. 4:13); fervent mind (2 Cor. 7:7); envy (Acts 13:45; Rom. 13:13; 1 Cor. 3:3; 2 Cor. 12:20; Jas. 3:14-15); jealousy (2 Cor. 11:2); indignation (Acts 5:17; Heb. 10:27); emulation (Gal. 5:20)
- 10) Wrath, Greek (thumos), wrath (v 20; Lk 4:28; Acts 19:28; 2 Cor. 12:20; Eph. 4:31; Col. 3:8; Heb. 11:27; Rev. 12:12; 14:8, 10, 19; 15:1, 7; 16:1; 18:3); indignation (Rom. 2:8); and fierceness (Rev. 16:19; 19:15). Turbulent passions; domestic and civil turmoils; rage; determined and lasting anger.
- 11) Strife, Greek (eritheia), strife (v 20; 2 Cor. 12:20; Phil. 2:3; Jas. 3:14, 16); contention (Phil. 1:16; Rom. 2:8). Disputations; anglings; strife about words; angry contentions; contest for superiority or advantage; strenuous endeavor to equal or pay back in kind the wrongs done to one.
- 12) Seditions Greek (dichostasia), divisions (Rom. 16:17; 1 Cor. 3:3); seditions, parties, and factions (Gal. 5:20). Popular disorder; stirring up strife in religion, government, home, or any other place.
- 13) Heresies (note e, Acts 5:17)
- 14) Envyings, Greek (phthonoi) (v 21; Mt 27:18; Mk. 15:10; Rom. 1:29; Phil. 1:15; 1 Tim. 6:4; Tit 3:3; Jas. 4:5; 1 Pet. 2:1) Pain, ill-will, and jealousy at the good fortune or blessing of another; the most base of all degrading and disgraceful passions.
- 15) Murders, Greek (phonoí) (note w, Mt. 15:18) to kill; to spoil or mar the happiness of another; hatred (1 Jn. 3:15)
- 16) Drunkenness, Greek (methai) (v 21; Lk.21:34; Rom. 13:13. Living intoxicated; a slave to drink; drinking bouts
- 17) Revellings, Greek (komoi) (v 21; 1 Pet. 4:3); rioting (Rom. 13:13). Lasciviousness and boisterous feastings, with obscene music, and other sinful activities; pleasures; carousings