

Galatians

Deeds of the Flesh: Galatians 5:19-21

Galatians 5:19-21 Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, 20 idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, 21 envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

The old nature can only produce one thing: “*the deeds of the flesh,*” to which there is no end. These works do not, nor can they, produce life of God in us. The list is not exhaustive, as Paul ends with, “*and things like these*” and a reminder that those who live in this manner, *those who practice such things* (again not an inclusive list), are not His; they do not belong to Christ as they *will not inherit the kingdom of God.* ***Romans 13:13-14; 1 Corinthians 3:3-5; Ephesians 5:3-6; Colossians 3:5-9***

Law restrains – flesh (do)

Sensual Sins

Immorality: Adultery, Fornication

Impurity - Uncleanness (unnatural sexual sins)

Sensuality - lasciviousness / lewdness
(a wanton immoral life)

Religious Sins

Idolatry - worship of idols

Sorcery - Witchcraft - drugs (*pharmakeia*)

Social Sins

Enmities – latent hatred

Strife - factions, cliques, disputes over words

Jealousy – contentions, rivalry, jealousy

Outbursts of anger - temper (*thumos*)

Disputes – argumentative

Dissensions – seditions, divisions

Factions – heresies; pitting altar against altar

Personal Sins

Envy – displeasure in others blessings

Drunkenness

Carousing - reviling

Murders

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Galatians 5:24-26: Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. 26 Let us not become boastful, challenging one another, envying one another.

Christ won our victory when He was crucified; as believers we are now joined to the living Christ. When we come to Christ, we are to crucify our flesh, *with its passions and desires*. It is only by surrendering to Christ that we can lay hold/obtain/live the victory Christ won for us, His victory is not obtained by struggling against the flesh. ***Galatians 2:20; Colossians 3:3-4***

As we *live by the Spirit*, we must likewise yield to the Spirit (this an act of the will) that we may also *walk by the Spirit*; it is through the Spirit that we live and it is the Spirit the produces the fruit of the Spirit in our lives. ***Luke 11:9-13; Romans 6:12-13***

As discussed earlier, to “walk” speaks of that which drives and directs our live, the basic and elemental, proceed, or step in order. Whereas, “walk” in verse 16 spoke a way or fact, here “walk” is different and speaks of learning or being trained to walk.

Just as we learned to walk physically by the trial-and-error method, so we are to begin to walk by the Spirit. This is a learning process. There will be failures and falls, again and again. The important thing is to begin and then keep trying. This is realistic and not idealistic.