

Spiritual Enemy Number One

Recognizing our Sin Nature's *Modus Operandi*

- The psychology of the Christian (Rom. 7:25).
- Biblical psychology **not** Christian psychologists.
- The Christian has two natures that are in conflict (1 Jn. 1:8; 2 Pet. 1:4; Rom. 7:25).
- Lusts from a spiritual enemy, desirous will of a nature, and determinative will of the person (Jn. 8:44; Eph. 2:3; Gal. 5:17).
- The desirous will of God becomes the Christians desirous will (1 Thes. 5:18; Gal. 4:6; Rom. 8:14-16).

“Now the works of the flesh are plainly seen . . .” 17 plus works (Gal. 5:19-21).

- A.** The context is one of hope for victory over the sin nature.
 - a. If under Law you are under all the Law (Gal. 5:3; Jam. 2:10).
 - b. Grace not Law can overcome the sin nature (Gal. 5:4 *cf.* 1:6-7).
 - c. Any form of legalism spoils Grace Doctrine (Gal. 5:7-10).
 - d. Liberty is opposed by the Yoke of the Law (Gal. 5:13, 5:1).
 - e. The Holy Spirit is the Person of the Godhead actively involved in victory over the flesh (Gal. 5:16-17).
 - B.** Why “works” and not “lusts?”
 - a. Work, (ergon): a deed, anything done, a way of operating.
 - b. Looks at how the sin nature operates, since Adam.
 - c. A non-personal, general description.
 - d. All works from the flesh are perversions good things.
 - C.** “Lust” (epithumia) indicates an appeal to an individual(s) (Jam. 1:14-15; 1 Pet. 2:11 *cf.* Lu. 22:15).
 - a. Lusts may come from Satan (Jn. 8:44).
 - b. Lusts may come from the World System (Tit. 2:12; 1 Jn. 2:17).
 - c. Lusts from the Flesh (Rom. 6:12; 7:7; 13:14; Gal. 5:16, 24; Eph. 2:3; 4:22; 2 Pet. 2:18; 1 Jn. 2:16; 1 Cor. 10:6 idolatry).
1. **Adultery** is an act. It is a sin (2 Pet. 2:14). (*textual problem, should be in list*): any sex act outside of marriage between male and female (O.T. Lev. 20:10 involves marriage; N. T. any outside of marriage Mt. 19:20; Acts 15:20, 29; Rev. 2:20-21).
 2. **Fornication** is an act. It is a sin (1 Cor. 6:18). Any sex outside of marriage, including homo, hetero, or bestial (1 Cor. 5:1; 6:13-18; Jude 7). Fornication the larger term of the two and includes adultery.