

Spiritual Enemy Number One, Part Two Recognizing our Sin Nature's *Modus Operandi*

- The psychology of the Christian (Rom. 7:25).
- The Christian has two natures that are in conflict with one another (1 Jn. 1:8; 2 Pet. 1:4; Rom. 7:25).
- Galatians Five “works” *cf.* “lusts;” same thing, different emphasis (Rom. 13:13-14; 1 Cor. 10:6-7); “works” called “lusts.”

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

- 1. Adultery** is an act. It is a sin (2 Pet. 2:14). (*Textual problem but should be in this list*): any sex act outside of marriage between male and female.
- 2. Fornication** is an act. It is a sin (1 Cor. 6:18). Any sex act 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.
- 3. Uncleaness** is a mental activity, prolonged unrighteous sexually oriented thoughts not involving one’s spouse. Leads to sin (Rom. 8:5-7).
 - 1) Unclean lusts can expand beyond the natural order (Rom. 1:24, 26).
 - 2) Flesh, body’s members, sin nature (Rom. 6:19; Col. 3:5).
 - 3) Can result in a sin act (2 Cor. 12:21).
 - 4) Begins in the mind, contrary to position in Christ (Eph. 4:17-20).
 - 5) Opposite of love, action seen (Eph. 5:2-3).
 - 6) Antipodal to holiness, denial of family relationship (1 Thes. 4:7, 1). lasciviousness,
- 4. Lasciviousness** is lewdness, debauchery, sexual deviance involving public display: shameless, undisciplined exhibition, “in your face attitude.”
 - 1) Is seen as a sin act (2 Cor. 12:21).
 - 2) A lust, characteristic of unsaved (1 Pet. 4:3).
 - 3) “Wore out” Lot (2 Pet. 2:6-9; Gen. 18 & 19).
 - 4) False teachers appeal to this lust (2 Pet. 2:1-2, 19-21).
 - 5) Is contrary to grace, the Lord God, and the Lord Jesus Christ (Jude 4).