

Spiritual Enemy Number One, Part Three

- The enemy within: flesh, sin principle, sin nature.
- 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”.
- Victory by reckoning yourself dead to the sin nature (Rom. 6:11).

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

5. Idolatry is thinking as though something is equal to God in importance.

1) Forbidden under the Old Covenant.

1	None other alongside God		1 Cor. 10:14
2	Heavenly images for self		1 Cor. 8:4
3	Name in vain		Eph. 4:29
4	Sabbath	<i>changed</i>	
5	Father and Mother		Eph. 6:1
6	Murder		1 Pet. 4:15
7	Adultery		1 Cor. 6:18
8	Stealing		Eph. 4:28
9	Lying		Eph. 4:25
10	Covet neighbor’s stuff	<i>changed</i>	

- 2) Flee, be escaping, seek safety in flight (1 Cor. 10:4 *cf.* 6:18).
- 3) Be ordering your lifestyle by the Spirit (Gal. 5:16 *cf.* Jam. 4:13-14).
- 4) Examples of idolatry.
- i. Greediness which is a quality of idolatry (Col. 3:5).
 - ii. Greed is always wanting more (Lu. 12:15).
 - iii. Demonic influence (1 Cor. 8:4-5; 10:19-20).
 - iv. The Lordian table as an idol (Rev. 2:14, 20).
 - v. Greedy to please men (1 Thes. 2:5).
 - vi. Greedy to keep followers (2 Pet. 2:3).
 - vii. Greedy always expands (2 Pet. 2:14).
- Unchecked the flesh will find something to focus on to interfere with pleasing God.
 - Potential modern idols: job/career, sports (firearms), hobbies, fashion, leaders, world values, politics, and such like.