

## **Spiritual Enemy Number One: the Flesh, Part Four**

- Know your spiritual enemies.
- The Christian has two natures that are in conflict with one another (Eph. 2:3).
- 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): the first four are sexual works; sexual impropriety; perversion of a natural drive 1 Cor. 7:9; Gen. 1:22; 2:24).

**5. Idolatry** (Gal. 5:20) is placing something equal to God in importance; although unrighteous thinking; changes form to become a sin act.

- 1) Greed is the quality of idolatry (Col. 3:5).
- 2) John’s warning of idols (1 Jn. 5:21).
  - i. The World system appeals to the flesh (1 Jn. 2:15).
  - ii. Forgot their relationship to the world system (Jn. 15:18-19; 1 Jn. 4:17; 5:19, 1 Cor. 7:29-31; 11:32).
  - iii. False doctrine (1 Jn. 4:1-4).
- 3) Peter’s warning of greed.
  - i. False teachers are greedy (2 Pet. 2:1-3).
  - ii. They appeal to the flesh (2 Pet. 2:13-14, 18).

**6. Witchcraft** (Gal 5:20) is religious superstitious awe; although unrighteous thinking changes form to become a sin act. (Rev. 9:21; 18:23). Closely related to idolatry.

- 1) Prayer (1 Jn. 4:22; 5:14 *cf.* the armor Eph. 6).
- 2) Reading the Bible.
- 3) “Touch not God’s anointed” (1 Sam. 10:1, 6; 16:13-14 *cf.* Heb. 13:7, 17).