

Spiritual Enemy Number One: the Flesh, Part Ten

- Know your spiritual enemies; they are hostile to your spiritual life.
- The Christian has two natures that are in conflict with one another (1 Jn. 1:8, 10).
- Victory over the sin nature is achieved by the filling of the Holy Spirit—He makes up what is lacking (Eph. 5:18).

“Now the works of the flesh are plainly seen . . .” 17 works and such like (Gal. 5:19): Sexual works; Religious works.

Emotional Works *continued*

9. Zeal (emulations KJV), fervor to outdo, surpass others.

- A. Translated: zeal, envying, indignation, envy, fervent mind, jealousy, and emulations.
- B. Prior to Pentecost (with no indwelling Holy Spirit) the Law was kept by zeal (Acts 22:3; Rom. 10:2; Gal. 1:14; Phil. 3:6; Jn. 2:17 *cf.* Ps. 69:9).
 - The Law was designed to show that man by his own effort could not control the sin nature (Rom. 7:7).
- C. Fleshly zeal may lead to carnality (1 Cor. 3:3; 12:14-18; 23-25).
- D. Fleshly zeal is in opposition to the New Commandment (1 Cor. 13:4).

Godly Zeal

- A. Paul was zealous for Christian to mature (2 Cor. 11:2).
- B. The Corinthians should have been zealous to edify the church (1 Cor. 14:12).
- C. We are to be zealous of good works (Tit. 2:14).
- D. An example of godly zeal (Phil. 3:13-14).