

Spiritual Enemy Number One: the Flesh, Part 12

- Know your spiritual enemies; they are hostile to your spiritual life, while friends when you are carnal.
- 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 plus such like (Gal. 5:19): Sexual works; Religious works.

Emotional Works *continued*

- 14. Envy**, grief/pain over the good fortune of another and the desire to deprive them of it: an attitude.
- A. Similar but different concepts.
 - a. Jealousy: wanting the same as someone.
 - b. Zeal: wanting to outdo someone.
 - c. Selfish ambition (strife KJV) achieving something even at another’s expense.
 - B. The Chief Priests and elders were motivated by envy (Mt. 26:3-5; 27:17-20; Mk. 15:10) from a human point of view (cf. 1 Cor. 2:8).
 - C. Envy is in a list of unrighteousness (Rom. 1:29).
 - D. Envy may lead to trespass then sin (Gal. 5:25-6:1).
 - a. Vainglory.
 - b. Challenge to combat.
 - E. Envy’s coconspirators (Phil. 1:15; 1 Tim. 6:4; Tit. 3:3; Jam. 4:4-5).
 - a. Strife
 - b. Contentious disposition.
 - c. Sour disposition.
 - d. Nonviolent hate.
 - e. World system
 - f. Hypocrisies.
 - g. Evil speaking.
 - F. Envy is never from the Holy Spirit (Jam. 4:5).