

Spiritual Enemy Number One: the Flesh, Part 13

- 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*

15. Murders, slaughter, wanton killing, killing without a valid reason, there is a textual problem but it should be included.

- A. Similar but different concepts.
 - a. Assassin (Acts 21:38).
 - b. To kill, put to death—no moral value (1 Jn. 5:16).
 - c. Mortify (Col. 3:5).
- B. Commandment #6 “Thou shall not murder” (Ex. 20:13; Nu. 35:21).
- C. God commanded King Saul to kill all the of the enemy (1 Sam. 11:6 to 15:9).
- D. Jesus tells disciples to buy sword (Lu. 22:36, 49; Jn. 18:10-11).
- E. New Testament instruction is to try to avoid violence (Rom. 12:17-21).
- F. Examples of murders.
 - a. Barabbas (Mk. 15:7; Lu. 23: 19, 25).
 - b. Paul (Acts 9:1; 26:10-11).
- G. The carnal Christian has the potential to murder (1 Pet. 4:15).
- H. The carnal Christian has the potential to be a “manslayer” (1 Jn. 3:15 *cf.* Jn. 8:44).