



WINNING THE BATTLE WITH THE FLESH

-- Galatians 5:16-21 --

(sermon notes for 11/28/21)

"I say then, walk by the Spirit and you will certainly not carry out the desire of the flesh." (v. 16)

1) The _____ of the Flesh --

The flesh here refers to the _____
I _____ apart from Christ.

Eph. 2:1-3

Rom. 7:5,18-19

2) The _____ of the Flesh --

My flesh tries to convince me that I am _____
_____ -- not a _____ in Christ.

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, and see, the new has come." (2 Cor. 5:17)

"Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires." (Gal. 5:24)

"For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be rendered powerless so that we may no longer be enslaved to sin....So, you too consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus." (Rom. 6:6,12)

"I have been crucified with Christ, and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." (Gal. 2:20)

3) The _____ of the Flesh --

My flesh desires for me to _____ the _____
_____ and to live for _____ rather than God.

"For the flesh desires what is against the Spirit, and the Spirit desires what is against the flesh; these are opposed to each other, so that you don't do what you want." (Gal. 5:17)

"...abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul." (1 Pet. 2:11, ESV, see 2 Pet. 2:10)

"For you were called to be free, brothers and sisters; only don't use this freedom as an opportunity for the flesh...." (Gal. 5:13)

4) The _____ of the Flesh --

Left unchallenged, my flesh will produce in me all kinds of _____ and _____.

"Now the works of the flesh are obvious...." (Gal. 5:19-21)

"Let's behave properly as in the day, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual promiscuity and debauchery, not in strife and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh in regard to its lusts." (Rom. 13:13-14, NASB)

5) The _____ of the Flesh --

The only way to win the _____ with the flesh is to _____ continually to the direction and the _____ of the _____.

"...walk by the Spirit and you will certainly not carry out the desire of the flesh...But if you are led by the Spirit...If we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit." (Gal. 5:16,18,25)

"For those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit have their minds set on the things of the Spirit." (Rom. 8:5)

"And don't get drunk with wine, which leads to reckless living, but be filled by the Spirit...." (Eph. 5:18)