

The Works of the Flesh Pt. 2.

The Ministry of the Holy Spirit

GALATIANS 5:19-21 KJV

Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, 20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, 21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

Idolatry

1. Idolatry is the worship of idols. This does not just mean the worship of images made out of stone, wood, or precious metals. An idol is anything that is more important to you than God almighty.
2. For many today self is their God. They worship themselves. Their comfort, preference, and desire is more important than God. Selfishness has been raised to the height of idolatry today. 2Tim.3:1-2

2 TIMOTHY 3:1-2 NKJV

But know this, that in the last days [a]perilous times will come: 2 For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

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3. For many it is money, fame and political power. If you are willing to kill, maim, cheat, do anything, defile your conscience and break the laws of God for any of these then you are an idolater. You are suffering from the love of money and serving mammon the God of money. 1Tim.6:10; Matt.6:24
4. If you have an image of Jesus Christ on a cross that you wear around your neck or in a photograph in your home that you kiss or bow to, you are practicing idolatry. Ex.20:3-5; Deut.4:15-19

1 TIMOTHY 6:10 NKJV

For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

MATTHEW 6:24

“No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and [a]mammon.

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EXODUS 20:3-5 NKJV

“You shall have no other gods before Me. 4 “You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; 5 you shall not bow down to them nor [a]serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, visiting[b] the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me,

DEUTERONOMY 4:15-19 NKJV

"Take careful heed to yourselves, for you saw no form when the Lord spoke to you at Horeb out of the midst of the fire, 16 lest you act corruptly and make for yourselves a carved image in the [a]form of any figure: the likeness of male or female, 17 the likeness of any animal that is on the earth or the likeness of any winged bird that flies in the air, 18 the likeness of anything that creeps on the ground or the likeness of any fish that is in the water beneath the earth. 19 And take heed, lest you lift your eyes to heaven, and when you see the sun, the moon, and the stars, all the host of heaven, you feel driven to worship them and serve them, which the Lord your God has [b]given to all the peoples under the whole heaven as a heritage.

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5. Praying to the Virgin Mary or any of the apostles or angels or bowing to their images in your home or the church is idolatry. Only Jesus deserves worship and prayer is worship. Rev.19:10
6. Covetousness a form of idolatry. Covetousness is an intense and uncontrollable desire for carnal things. Col.3:5
7. Idolatry is the lack of acknowledgment of the rightful position of God in your life. Matt.6:33

REVELATION 19:10 NKJV

And I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, "See that you do not do that! I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren who have the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."

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COLOSSIANS 3:5 NKJV

Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

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MATTHEW 6:33 NKJV

*But seek first the kingdom of God
and His righteousness, and all
these things shall be added to you.*

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8. Non-medical incisions and tattoos are a form of idolatry. Tattoos, tribal marks and non-medical incisions are marks of dedication. It is a form of worship.
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 - b. Non-medical incisions to cure afflictions and oppressions by strange spirits as is done by most Herbalist are covenant markings of ownership to tribal deities and territorial demons. Your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost and should not be dedicated to anything else. 1Cor.6:19-20

LEVITICUS 19:28 NKJV

*You shall not make any cuttings in
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1 CORINTHIANS 6:19-20 NKJV

Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? 20 For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body [a]and in your spirit, which are God's.

Idolatry

- 9. The gods of heathen nations are called idols. Ps.96:5
- 10. The idols of the heathen are the works of man. They have no power or true spiritual significance. Ps.115:4-8
- 11. Those who serve idols are always confused. Ps.97:7
- 12. Idolaters will not inherit the Kingdom of God: Idolaters are those who practice idolatry and worship something other than the true God. 1Cor.6:9-10; Rev.21:8

PSALM 96:5 KJV

*For all the gods of the nations are idols:
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PSALM 115:4-8 NKJV

*Their idols are silver and gold, The work of men's hands.
5 They have mouths, but they do not speak; Eyes they
have, but they do not see; 6 They have ears, but they do
not hear; Noses they have, but they do not smell; 7 They
have hands, but they do not handle; Feet they have, but
they do not walk; Nor do they mutter through their
throat. 8 Those who make them are like them; So is
everyone who trusts in them.*

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PSALM 97:7 KJV

*Confounded be all they that serve graven
images, that boast themselves of idols:
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1 CORINTHIANS 6:9-10 NKJV

Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor [a]homosexuals, nor [b]sodomites, 10 nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.

REVELATION 21:8 NKJV

But the cowardly, [a]unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.”

Witchcraft

1. Witchcraft is the practice of witches including white and black magic, sorcery, astrology, voodoo, use of potions, spells, enchantments, and drugs. It includes all Satanic practices and worship.
2. To intimidate, manipulate and control others is also witchcraft.
3. Witchcraft is playing God and therefore spiritual rebellion against God. The sin of rebellion is as bad as witchcraft: 1Sam.15:23
4. In the old testament a witch is not permitted to live. Ex.22:18

1 SAMUEL 15:23 NKJV

For rebellion is as the sin of [a]witchcraft, And stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, He also has rejected you from being king.”

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EXODUS 22:18 KJV

Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live.

Hatred

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2. If you hate your brother, you are a murderer. 1Jn.3:15
3. If you hate others, you cannot truly love God. 1Jn.4:20
4. If you hate your brother, you are in darkness. 1Jn.2:9,11;

PROVERBS 10:12 NKJV

*Hatred stirs up strife, But love covers
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1 JOHN 3:15 NKJV

Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

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1 JOHN 4:20 NKJV

If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, [a]how can he love God whom he has not seen?

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1 JOHN 2:9 NKJV

*He who says he is in the light, and hates his brother,
is in darkness until now.*

1 JOHN 2:11

*But he who hates his brother is in darkness and
walks in darkness, and does not know where he is
going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.*

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5. It is better to be where love is than with those who are filled with hatred: Prov.15:17
6. Hatred covered by deceit will be revealed by God: Deceit here means pretending to like someone when you hate them. Prov.26:26
7. Haters will not inherit the kingdom of God. Rom.1:30-32

PROVERBS 15:17 NKJV

*Better is a dinner of [a]herbs where
love is, Than a fattened calf with
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PROVERBS 26:26 NKJV

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ROMANS 1:30-32 NKJV

backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, 31 [a]undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, [b]unforgiving, unmerciful; 32 who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.

Variance

1. Variance is disagreement, disharmony, dissension and contentions. It is like strife.
2. Believers are admonished to avoid dissensions and contentions. Tit.3:9

TITUS 3:9 NKJV

But avoid foolish disputes, genealogies, contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and useless.

Emulations

1. Emulation is the desire to copy others with a competitive motive. It is a spirit of rivalry and a form of jealousy. Emulation is jealous competition.
2. There is godly jealousy and worldly jealousy. 2Cor.11:2
3. Godly jealousy is protective but Worldly jealousy is controlling and as cruel as the grave. SoS.8:6; Prov.27:4

2 CORINTHIANS 11:2 NKJV

For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy. For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.

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SONG OF SOLOMON 8:6 NKJV

Set me as a seal upon your heart, As a seal upon your arm; For love is as strong as death, Jealousy as [a]cruel as [b]the grave; Its flames are flames of fire, [c]A most vehement flame

PROVERBS 27:4

Wrath is cruel and anger a torrent, But who is able to stand before jealousy?

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2. A man of great wrath will suffer because of it: hot tempered people will suffer because of their temper. Prov.19:19
3. Wise people turn away wrath. They calm tempers. Prov.29:8
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PROVERBS 19:19 NKJV

A man of great wrath will suffer punishment; For if you rescue him, you will have to do it again.

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PROVERBS 29:8 NKJV

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EPHESIANS 2:3 NKJV

among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

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5. Now we should not allow wrath to operate in our lives. We should put off wrath: Eph.4:31; Col.3:8
6. We are to forsake wrath: Ps.37:8
7. We are to be slow to wrath: that means we are to be patient. Jas.1:19-20; Prov.14:29
8. Angry people cause quarrel, hostility, strife and division. Prov.15:18; 30:33;

EPHESIANS 4:31 NKJV

Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, [a]clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice.

COLOSSIANS 3:8

But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth.

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PSALM 37:8 NKJV

Cease from anger, and forsake wrath; Do not fret—it only causes harm.

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JAMES 1:19-20 MKJV

[a]So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; 20 for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God.

PROVERBS 14:29

He who is slow to wrath has great understanding, But he who is [a]impulsive exalts folly.

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PROVERBS 15:18 NKJV

A wrathful man stirs up strife, But he who is slow to anger allays contention.

PROVERBS 30:33

For as churning cream produces butter, and as twisting the nose produces blood, so stirring up anger produces strife.

ALTAR CALL

Lord Jesus, I am a sinner and I need you to save me. I believe you died for me and rose up on the third day that I may be justified. Today, Lord Jesus, I confess and repent of all my sins; I forsake them; forgive me Lord Jesus; come into my heart Lord Jesus; be my Lord and savior; from today I promise to serve you in the name of Jesus

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PRAYER 1

Father in the name of Jesus, on behalf of ourselves, our families and every member of this church, we repent of any manifestation of the works of the flesh in our lives including Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, and wrath,. Father have mercy and cleanse us from every unrighteousness; we are empowered by grace today, to put to death the works of the flesh in each of our lives in the name of Jesus. Col.3:5; 1Jn.1:8-9; Rom.8:13

PRAYER 2

Now Pray for yourself. For your specific need. For your expectation, this month and this year. Php.4:6

MATTHEW 7:7-8

“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened