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“The Tug of War: Flesh vs. Spirit”
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Galatians 5:19-21: *“Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, 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.”*

_____ : Voluntary sexual activity between a married person and someone other than his/her lawful spouse; illicit sexual behavior that defiles one’s wedding vows and the covenant relationship.

Fornication: Voluntary sexual activity outside the _____ between unmarried persons or those not married to each other.

Uncleanness: To be contaminated, _____, filthy, dirty, morally impure. Lacking in clarity, soiled, unwholesome. (i.e. homosexuality)

Lasciviousness: Obscene, lustful, vulgar, lewd. Excessive indulgence in sensual pleasures. Tending to produce lustful emotions. (i.e. _____)

Idolatry: Anything that leads to the _____ of God from the heart. Also, the immorality that accompanies demon worship; excessive love. (i.e. covetousness, stubbornness, money, a mate, etc.)

_____ : The practice of sorcery, intercourse with evil spirits, the use of supernatural power or magic spells. (i.e. rebellion, drug usage, etc.)

Hatred: Strong feelings of _____. Intense dislike or extreme hostility; animosity or ill-will. (i.e. unforgiveness)

Variance: _____, arguing, contention, discord.

Emulations: The attempt to equal or excel in rivalry, competition, selfish ambition or self-centered strivings. (i.e. _____)

Wrath: Outbursts of intense anger, fits of rage, _____. (i.e. seeking revenge)

_____ : Violent or bitter conflict; separations caused by disagreements; contention. (i.e. a struggle, debating or arguing about God’s Word, etc.)

Seditions: The stirring up of or promoting rebellion, lack of _____. (i.e. gossiping)

Heresies: Beliefs or theories that are at variance with established beliefs, customs, etc. (i.e. _____)

Envyings: Displeasure at the _____ or prosperity of others.

Murders: The act of putting a person to death intentionally and unlawfully; to take someone's life or _____.

Drunkenness: _____ caused by strong drink or excitement to excess.

_____ : To feast or make merry in a riotous or noisy manner. (i.e. partying, clubbing, rioting, looting, etc.)

In verse 21, Paul warns that those who practice such things will NOT inherit the Kingdom of God. Why? _____

These distinctive traits of the flesh should be motivation for every believer in Jesus Christ to:

#1 - Be reminded of his/her own weakness.

#2 - Remain continually dependent on Christ in all things.

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