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Overcoming Temptation

Works of the Flesh
Vs Led by the Spirit

Galatians 5:16-26

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- I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.
- 17 For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish.
- 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.
- 19 Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness,

Galatians 5:16-26

- 20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies,
- 21 envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.
- 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,
- 23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

Galatians 5:16-26

- 24 And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.
- 25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.
- 26 Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

Original Sin

- A term referring to the universal defect in human nature caused by the fall, entailing the loss of original righteousness and the distortion of the image of God (imago Dei).
- Original sin is the doctrine that, as a result of Adam's fall, all mankind are sinners by nature, having a propensity to sin that underlies every actual sin
- Joel B. Carini, “Original Sin,” in *Lexham Survey of Theology*, ed.

Paul's Warning

- Galatians 5:19–21 lists the works of the flesh.
- These describe patterns produced by sinful nature.
- Those who practice such things will not inherit the Kingdom of God.

Adultery — moicheia

- **Sexual unfaithfulness violating the marriage covenant.**
 - Violating marital covenant
 - Secret or ongoing extramarital relationships
 - Emotional affairs leading to betrayal
 - Destruction of family trust and stability

Fornication — porneia

- **General sexual immorality outside God's design for marriage.**
- All sexual activity outside biblical marriage.
 - Pornography and sexual addiction
 - Casual sexual culture normalized by society
 - Living together sexually outside covenant commitment

Uncleanness — akatharsia

- Moral impurity or inward corruption expressed outwardly.
 - Moral impurity of mind and behavior.
 - Entertaining impure thoughts
 - Consuming immoral entertainment
 - Dirty speech and sexual joking
 - Habitual indulgence in sinful desires

Lewdness — aselgeia

- **Shameless sensual behavior without moral restraint.**
 - Public or bold sexual behavior
 - Loss of moral embarrassment
 - Flaunting sinful lifestyle choices
 - Pride in immoral living

Idolatry — eidololatria

- **Giving devotion to anything that replaces God.**
 - Loving money or success more than God
 - Career or ambition replacing devotion
 - Self becoming the ultimate authority
 - Entertainment and pleasure replacing worship

Sorcery — pharmakeia

- **Occult practices and magical arts linked to spiritual darkness.**
 - Witchcraft or magical practices
 - Seeking supernatural guidance apart from God
 - Drug use connected with spiritual experiences
 - Consulting horoscopes, mediums, or spells

Hatred – echthrai

- **Ongoing hostility or enmity toward others.**
 - Refusing reconciliation
 - Harboring grudges
 - Desiring harm toward others
 - Deep-seated resentment

Contentions — eris

- **Quarreling and argumentative division.**
 - Always arguing
 - Creating unnecessary disputes
 - Thriving on disagreement
 - Dividing relationships through strife

Jealousies — zelos

- **Resentment over another's blessings or success.**
 - Comparing oneself to others
 - Bitterness over another's success
 - Feeling threatened by others' growth
 - Competition instead of celebration

Outbursts of Wrath — *thymoi*

- **Explosive anger and uncontrolled rage.**
 - Sudden rage reactions
 - Verbal or emotional attacks
 - Loss of emotional control
 - Destroying relationships through anger

Selfish Ambitions — eritheiai

- **Self-seeking pursuit of advancement over others.**
 - Promoting self over unity
 - Using others to get ahead
 - Ministry competition or politics
 - Seeking recognition rather than service

Dissensions — dichostasiae

- **Divisions that fracture communities or churches.**
 - Splitting groups and friendships
 - Creating sides within churches
 - Refusing unity efforts
 - Driving wedges between believers

Heresies — hairesis

- **Factions formed around opinions rather than truth.**
 - Forming camps around personalities
 - Promoting personal views over truth
 - Doctrinal pride causing division
 - Loyalty to group over Scripture

Envy — phthonoi

- Pain or resentment over another's prosperity.
 - Secret resentment of blessings
 - Wanting others to lose advantage
 - Bitterness over another's promotion
 - Lack of gratitude for one's own blessings

Murders — phonoi

- **Taking life or hatred leading toward violence.**
 - Physical violence
 - Hatred that wishes harm
 - Destroying reputations maliciously
 - Emotional cruelty leading toward destruction

Drunkenness — methai

- **Habitual intoxication and loss of self-control.**
 - Dependence on alcohol or substances
 - Escaping reality through intoxication
 - Loss of judgment and restraint
 - Lifestyle centered around drinking

Revelries — komoi

- **Wild parties marked by immoral excess.**
 - Party culture promoting sin
 - Nightlife centered on excess
 - Celebration without moral boundaries
 - Group environments encouraging sin

And the Like

- Paul indicates this list is not exhaustive.
- Any behavior flowing from sinful desires applies.

Application: Overcoming Temptation

- Sinful practice begins with surrendered temptation.
- Victory comes by walking daily in the Spirit.
- Temptation resisted leads to spiritual growth.

Walk in the Spirit

- Galatians 5:16 — Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.
- Paul contrasts the works of the flesh with one unified fruit produced by the Spirit.
- ‘These are not separate fruits but one Spirit-produced character expressed in many ways.

Love (ἀγάπη – agapē)

- **Self-giving, sacrificial love seeking the good of others. Love of God**
 - Loving when it is undeserved
 - Seeking others' well-being above personal comfort
 - Forgiving offenses
 - Serving without expecting repayment
 - Loving enemies, not just friends

Joy (χαρά – chara)

- Deep inner gladness rooted in God, not circumstances.
 - Inner stability during trials
 - Confidence in God's sovereignty
 - Gratitude regardless of situation
 - Celebration of others' blessings
 - Hope that overcomes discouragement

Peace (εἰρήνη — eirēnē)

- **Inner calm and relational harmony given by God.**
 - Resting in God's control
 - Freedom from constant anxiety
 - Seeking reconciliation in conflict
 - Refusing drama and hostility
 - Stability in uncertain times

Longsuffering (μακροθυμία — makrothymia)

- **Patient endurance toward difficult people and situations.**
 - Patience with slow growth in others
 - Enduring offense without retaliation
 - Waiting without resentment
 - Showing grace under pressure
 - Remaining calm when provoked

Kindness (χρηστότης — chrēstotēs)

- Gentle goodness expressed toward others.
 - Speaking gently instead of harshly
 - Showing compassion to the hurting
 - Being approachable and gracious
 - Offering help without being asked
 - Treating others with tenderness

Goodness (ἀγαθωσύνη – agathōsynē)

- Active moral goodness that seeks what is right.
 - Standing for truth with love
 - Choosing righteousness over convenience
 - Helping others toward godly living
 - Rejecting compromise
 - Living with moral integrity

Faithfulness (πίστις — pistis)

- Reliability and loyalty produced by trust in God.
 - Keeping commitments
 - Dependability in service and relationships
 - Loyalty to God and His truth
 - Consistency in Christian living
 - Perseverance in difficult seasons

Gentleness (πραΰτης – prautēs)

- **Strength under control; humble meekness.**
 - Correcting others without harshness
 - Responding softly in conflict
 - Humility instead of pride
 - Controlled responses instead of aggression
 - Teaching with patience

Self-Control (έγκράτεια — enkratēia)

- **Mastery over desires and impulses.**
 - Resisting sinful urges
 - Controlling emotional reactions
 - Discipline in habits and choices
 - Saying no to fleshly cravings
 - Living deliberately, not impulsively

Paul's Conclusion

- Paul ends by saying:
- “Against such there is no law.”
- Meaning:
 - No law condemns these qualities.
 - These virtues fulfill God's moral will.
 - A Spirit-led life naturally pleases God.

Victory In Christ

- Realize we have all fallen into temptation
- Submit to Christ in all areas of weakness
- Repent...
- Turn to Christ...