

Study #4: Spiritual Freedom

1– Sin Enslaves

John 8: 34-36. Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. 35 Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. 36 So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

*Titus 3:3 3 At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and **enslaved** by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another.*

2- Sin Separates us from God. “But your iniquities have separated you from your God.” Is. 59:2

Examples of Sins- Galatians 5: 19-21 and 2 Tim. 3: 2-5 (look over as homework)

Chart of Galatians 5:19–21

Word	Definition	Word	Definition
Sexual Immorality πορνεία porneia	Any sexual activity outside of a husband and wife; often associated with adultery, prostitution, and worshiping false gods by having sex with a temple priestess; includes incest and marriage outside of the people of God (TDNT VI, 579–594)	Fits of Rage θυμός thymos	“A state of intense anger, with ... passionate outbursts” (LN, 88.178); “outbursts of anger” (C, 695); lashing out, losing your cool, blowing up on people, raging
Impurity ἀκαθαρσία akatharsia	Sexual sin in general (TDNT III, 413–431; BDAG, 34) including masturbation, lust, lustful thoughts or fantasizing sexually, viewing pornography, petting, oral sex outside of marriage, group sex, having multiple sexual partners, homosexual activity, groping, rape, molestation, pedophilia, bestiality, etc.	Selfish Ambition ἐριθεία eritheia	Being out for personal gain, self-seeking, doing things only if it benefits you, the attitude of those who demean themselves for personal gain or work hard for selfish advantage, manipulation (TDNT II, 660–661); only caring about yourself, ulterior motives
Debauchery ἀσέλγεια aselgeia	Lacking moral restraint especially sexually (LN 88.272); being promiscuous, wild/out-of-control/insatiable sexuality; lack of self-restraint, going beyond what is socially acceptable (BDAG, 141; C, 227); indecency or rudeness (C, 227)	Dissensions διχοστασία dichostasia	Disunity or division because of disagreement, different sides within a group (TDNT I, 514; C, 386)
Idolatry εἰδωλατρία eidololatria	The service or worship of false gods (which often included a meal dedicated to the god accompanied by drunken sex) (TDNT II, 375–380); to go to anyone or anything other than the true God to have your needs met	Factions αἵρεσις haireisis	Parties, sects, alternative groups, denominations (TDNT I, 180–183; C, 35)
Witchcraft φαρμακεία pharmakeia	The “administering of drugs” (C, 1454); “the use of magic, often involving drugs and the casting of spells upon people ... the focus is upon the use of certain potions or drugs” (LN, 53.100); this word was sometimes used to describe poisons or medicines used to induce vomiting or bring about an abortion (LSJ, 1917)	Envy φθόνος phthonos	Resentment towards others’ success (Wright, 342; BDAG, 1054; LSJ, 1930); the “desire to [prevent] another’s success” (C, 1462); petty refusal of something (C, 1462; LSJ, 1930); wanting someone’s misfortune/downfall
Hatred ἔχθρα echthra	Hatred, strong dislike for or having hostility or bitterness towards someone, friction or conflict between two or more people or groups, being opposed to someone (TDNT II, 811–815)	Drunkenness μέθη methē	Drunkenness, intoxication (TDNT IV, 545–548); by extension, not being in your right mind because of any substance
Discord ἔρις eris	Hating or being rude to someone who has different opinions (LN, 33.447); bitter rivalry (BDAG, 392; C, 599; LSJ, 689); arguing, trying to win an argument instead of determining truth (C, 599; LSJ, 689)		
Jealousy ζήλος dzelos	Being deeply competitive (TDNT II, 877–882; C, 651); wanting to surpass or beat someone at something (C, 651)		

Chart of 2 Timothy 3:2-5

Word	Definition	Word	Definition
Lovers of Themselves φίλαυτος philaytos	Obsessed with yourself, egotism, vanity (BDAG, 1056; C, 1463), self-absorbed (not healthy, positive thoughts about oneself)	Slanderous διάβολος diabolos	Trying to make someone look bad, trying to falsely tear down someone's reputation (TDNT II, 72-81)
Lovers of Money φιλάργυρος philargyros	Obsessed with wealth, wanting or being greedy for more (BDAG, 1056; C, 1463)	Without Self-Control ἀκρατής akrates	Undisciplined (TDNT II, 339-342); includes procrastination, irresponsibility, etc.
Boastful ἀλαζών alazon	Arrogant self-confidence that is misplaced or inaccurate, acting or thinking that you are way greater or skillful than you really are (TDNT I, 226-227); cockiness	Brutal ἀνήμερος anemeros	Untamed, savage, brutal (BDAG, 79); wild, rough, abusive
Proud ὑπερήφανος hyperephanos	Arrogance, a "better than others" mentality; opposite of being humble/lowly and modest (TDNT VIII, 525-529)	Not Lovers of the Good ἀφιλάγαθος aphilagathos	Lacking care or concern for the public good or the good of others (TDNT I, 18; BDAG, 157); self-centered
Abusive βλάσφημος blasphemos	Mocking, disrespectful (especially towards God or spiritual things) (TDNT I, 621-625)	Treacherous προδότης prodotes	Traitorous, back-stabbing (BDAG, 867); disloyal, selling people out to benefit yourself
Disobedient to their Parents ἀπειθεῖς γονεῦσιν apeitheis goneysin	Disobeying one's parents or guardians (TDNT VI, 10)	Rash προσιετής propetes	Thoughtless, reckless (BDAG, 873); impulsive, not thinking things through, following urges or feelings, emotional decision-making
Ungrateful ἀχάριστος acharistos	Not grateful or without charm (TDNT IX, 375); having a deserving mindset	Conceited τυφώ typhoo	Being so arrogant or obsessed with yourself that you have a distorted sense of reality (LN 88.218)
Unholy ἀνόσιος anosios	"Not consecrated or devoted to God," godless (LN 53.47); secular, missing/excluding God; "In opposition to God ... [rebellng against] God" (BDAG, 86)	Lovers of Pleasure φιλήδονος philedonos	Pleasure-loving (TDNT II, 909-926); obsessed with comfort, luxury, sensual pleasures, etc.
Without Love ἀστοργος astorgos	Uncaring towards others, especially with family (BDAG, 145-146)	A Form of Godliness but Denying its Power μόρφωσιν εὐσεβείας τὴν δὲ δύναμιν αὐτῆς ἠρνημένοι morphosin eysebeias ten de dynamin aytes ernemenoi	Appearing to have deep reverence for God on the outside (BDAG 412-413, 659) by being outwardly religious or claiming to follow God but not actually living a godly lifestyle
Unforgiving ἀσπονδος aspondos	"Unwilling to be reconciled to others" (LN 40.7); not letting things go, holding things against people, refusing to forgive		

3. Sins of Omission: James 4:17 *"If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn't do it, it is sin for them."*

4. Godly Sorrow leads to Salvation. 2 Cor. 7: 10-11

10 Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death. 11 See what this godly sorrow has produced in you: what earnestness, what eagerness to clear yourselves, what indignation, what alarm, what longing, what concern, what readiness to see justice done.

5. Respond with Faith, Repentance, and Baptism: Spiritual Freedom!

Acts 3: 19 Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refeshing may come from the Lord."

Acts 22: 16 And now what are you waiting for? Get up, be baptized and wash your sins away, calling on his name.

John 8: 36 So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.