

The Works of the Flesh

Galatians 5:19-21 *Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness,*
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.

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- ⊙ **Sexual Sins** - The difficulty is teaching these as wrong in a culture that views sexual immorality as custom and practice
 - **Adultery** *-breaking the covenant of a marriage*
 - **Fornication** *-unlawful and immoral sexual activity*
 - **Uncleaness** *-literally means dirty*
 - **Licentiousness** *--motivated by passion and emotion without shame*
 - **And the Like**
- ⊙ **1Corinthians 6:13** “Now the body is not for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body.”

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⦿ **Attitudes Contrary to God**

- **Idolatry** *-exchange the glory of the creator with creation*
- **Sorcery** *-use natural things to create supernatural*
- **Hatred, Contentions, Jealousies, Envy** *-hurtful attitudes, actions, and selfish desire*
- **Selfish Ambitions, Dissensions, Heresies** *-working for self, standing apart, dividing over error*
- **And the Like**

⦿ **Romans 1:21** “because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

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⊖ Actions Contrary to God

- **Murders** *-to kill or slaughter*
- **Drunkenness** *-intoxication*
- **Revelries** *-riotous parties, feasting and drinking to excess in celebration*
- **And the like**

⊖ **Romans 1:28** “And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting:”

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- ⊙ Those who practice the works of the flesh and the things like them **will not inherit the kingdom of God**
- ⊙ If these things are a part of our lives let's be determined to put them away that we may bring glory and honor to our LORD