

The Works of The Flesh

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Divisiveness

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Enmities

- **Enmity** – echthrai ~ of hostile feelings and actions (BDAG)
- **Ephesians 2:14-16** *"For He Himself is our peace, who made both groups into one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall, by abolishing in His flesh the enmity, which is the Law of commandments contained in ordinances, so that in Himself He might make the two into one new man, thus establishing peace, and might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, by it having put to death the enmity. "*
- **James 4:4** *"You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. "*

Strife

- **Strife** – eris ~ **Engagement in rivalry, especially with reference to positions taken in a matter (BDAG)**
- **1 Corinthians 3:3** *"for you are still fleshly. For since there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not fleshly, and are you not walking like mere men? "*
- **1 Timothy 6:4-5** *"If anyone advocates a different doctrine and does not agree with sound words, those of our Lord Jesus Christ, and with the doctrine conforming to godliness, he is conceited and understands nothing; but he has a morbid interest in controversial questions and disputes about words, out of which arise envy, strife, abusive language, evil suspicions, "*

Jealousy

- **Jealousy** – *zelos* ~ intense negative feelings over another's achievements or success (BDAG)
- **James 3:16** "*For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every evil thing.* "
- **Acts 13:45** "*But when the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and began contradicting the things spoken by Paul, and were blaspheming.* "

Outbursts of Anger

- **Outbursts of Anger** – thymoi ~ a state of intense displeasure, *anger, wrath, rage, indignation* (BDAG)
- **Luke 4:28-29** *"And all the people in the synagogue were filled with rage as they heard these things; and they got up and drove Him out of the city, and led Him to the brow of the hill on which their city had been built, in order to throw Him down the cliff. "*
- **Acts 19:28-29** *"When they heard this and were filled with rage, they began crying out, saying, "Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!" The city was filled with the confusion, and they rushed with one accord into the theater, dragging along Gaius and Aristarchus, Paul's traveling companions from Macedonia. "*

Disputes

- **Disputes** – eritheiai ~ But selfishness, selfish ambition in all cases gives a sense that is just as probable. (BDAG)
- **Philippians 2:3** *"Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; "*

Dissensions

- **Dissensions** – dichostasiai ~ the state of being in factious opposition (BDAG)
- **Romans 16:17** *"Now I urge you, brethren, keep your eye on those who cause dissensions and hindrances contrary to the teaching which you learned, and turn away from them."*

Factions

- **Factions** – haireseis ~ a group that holds tenets distinctive to it, *sect, party, school, faction* (BDAG)
- **Acts 15:5** "*But some of the sect of the Pharisees who had believed stood up, saying, "It is necessary to circumcise them and to direct them to observe the Law of Moses."*"
- **1 Corinthians 11:19** "*For there must also be factions among you, so that those who are approved may become evident among you.*"

Envy

- **Envy** – phthonoi ~ closely associated with jealousy, due to jealousy we envy another.
- **Matthew 27:18** *"So when the people gathered together, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you? Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?" For he knew that because of envy they had handed Him over. "*