

# The Works of The Flesh

Galatians 5:19-21 *"Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. "*

# Pagan Practices

- **Galatians 5:19-20** *"Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, 20 idolatry, sorcery ..."*
- These words are not commonly used within our culture and consequently we may not fully appreciate how common they are in practice.
  - *From the Greek gods in Olympic opening ceremonies, horoscopes, psychic hotlines to red string bracelets sold at Target.*
  - *Story from The Idaho Statesman dated Aug. 12th*

# Idolatry

- Idolatry – eidololatria ~ derogatory term meaning image-worshiper (BDAG)
- Serving The Creature rather Than The Creator
  - **Romans 1:22-25** *"Professing to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures. Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, so that their bodies would be dishonored among them. For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen."*
  - **Galatians 4:8-9** ~ **Idols enslave you**
  - **Ephesians 5:5** ~ **Covetousness is idolatry**

# Sorcery

- **Sorcery** – pharmakeia ~ In “sorcery,” the use of drugs, whether simple or potent, was generally accompanied by incantations and appeals to occult powers, with the provision of various charms, amulets, etc., professedly designed to keep the applicant or patient from the attention and power of demons, but actually to impress the applicant with the mysterious resources and powers of the sorcerer. (Vine's)
- **Acts 8:9-13 ~ Simon the Magician**

## And The Like

- **And the Like** – Magic arts such Astrology, Palm Reading, Tarot Cards, Amulets, Pyramid Power. Idolatry such as serving self
  - Colossians 3:5 – *"Therefore consider the members of your earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry. "*