

THE WORKS OF THE FLESH AND THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

Gal. 5: 16-25

Introduction: Illustration of eaglet placed with ~~chick~~ chickens in the barnyard-

I. Contrary in their description

A. Moral life

1. Flesh - adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness
2. Spirit - Goodness

B. Religious life

1. Flesh - idolatry, witchcraft, heresies
2. Spirit - Faith *Discovery of planet Neptune, 1846, faith in laws of nature deviations of Uranus*

C. Personal (inner) life

1. Hatred vs. love - *Hatred quenches the Holy Spirit (Rom. 8:5)*
2. Wrath " joy - *Rom. 5:2*
3. Strife " peace - *Rom. 5:1*
4. ~~Envyings~~ " meekness

D. Social life

1. Variance (contentions) } vs. longsuffering
seditions, murder
2. Emulations (setting up self) } vs. gentleness
at expense of others)

3. Drunkenness and revellings vs. temperance - *Prov. 16:22*
"He that ruleth his spirit is greater than he that taketh a city." Jerem. 10:24; Titus; Sallust Rome 410, Visigoths, Alaric

II. Contrary in their desires

- A. V. 17 - "The desires of the flesh are against the spirit and the " " " spirit " " the flesh."
- B. The desire of the spirit is to please God, but
" " " " flesh " " " self.
- C. This causes an inward war within the soul
- D. The natural, unregenerate man knows what is right, and may want to do it; but he cannot do it. He has not the motive power.

III. Contrary in their destiny

- A. "They that do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God." V.21
 1. Compare 1Cor. 6:9-10 and Rev. 21:8
 2. Gal. 6:7 "God is not mocked."
- B. Gal. 6:8 "He that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting."

Conclusion:

1. Your business is not to gratify the flesh but to crucify it.
2. Illustration of man who sold house, but reserved keys to 2 rooms.
3. Often a community in which a man lives first learns he was a Christian at his funeral!
4. If the Spirit of Christ is within, the fruit of Christian character will be manifest.