

THE WORKS OF THE FLESH AND THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

Gal. 5: 16-25

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

I. Contrary in their description

A. Moral life

1. Flesh - adultery, fornication, uncleanness.

2. Spirit - Goodness

B. Religious life

1. Flesh - idolatry, witchcraft, heresies

2. Spirit - Faith Discovery of planet Neptune, 1846,

C. Personal (inner) life

1. Hatred vs. love - Hatred quenches the Holy Spirit Rom. 5:5

2. Wrath " joy - Rom. 5:2

3. Strife " peace - Rom. 5:1

D. Envying " meekness

E. 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. 16:8-2
"He that ruleth his spirit is greater than he that taketh a city." Glen. 10:9. 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 ICor. 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."

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Conclusion: 25-01-22. 1st

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.