

Juicy Fruit

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Lesson #3

We need to take time to talk about the works of the flesh. Paul wants the reader to compare and contrast the fruit of the Spirit and the works of the flesh. Examine: Gal. 5:16-16. (KJV) What do you think when you hear the word flesh? Most of us think _____. Both the fruit of the Spirit and works of the flesh are inside us. Examine: Rom. 7:21-25. The term for flesh is _____. The Spirit wants the desires of God, the flesh wants the desires of our sinful nature. Living by the law is fruitless because _____. Examine: Gal. 4:1-5. Before Paul talks about JUICY FRUIT, he talks about _____.

Those rotten seeds produce rotten _____. (V. 19) These three words have to do with the actions of the flesh in the area of sexuality. If people are out of control and cast off restraint, it shows up in _____.

These are three actions of the works of the flesh:

- Sexual immorality which is sexual intercourse between unmarried people.
- Impurity is _____.
- Debauchery means uncontrolled lust or sexuality which leads to rape, molestation, etc.

We are all capable of the works of the flesh because that's what is in us if we don't walk in the Spirit.

Now let's examine the _____ that are produced by rotten seeds. (v.20) Idolatry and witchcraft. These words are grouped together because Paul is talking about specific occult and pagan religious practices. Idolatry here is providing a _____ for God. Witchcraft is _____ the work of the Holy Spirit. Examine: Acts 19:11-20 (ESV)

These first five works of the flesh are big ones. One theologian called them the _____. But Paul doesn't stop at just 5, he continues. Paul strings together _____ words that describe how the flesh destroys relationships. These are the _____ that result from the works of the flesh.

Lesson 3 Continued

Let's look at 10 rotten seeds to see how they produce the outcomes of destroying relationships.

1. Drunkenness (v. 21) _____
_____.
2. Orgies (v. 21) These two items are linked together to show us the works of the flesh produce _____
_____.
3. _____. (v. 20) It is the idea of trying to put yourself forward for a position or office.
4. Envy (v.21) It's the mean grudging spirit that doesn't want the other person to have anything at all.
5. _____. (v. 20) Jealousy is wrong desire to have what someone else has.
6. Hatred. (v. 20) Hatred is an adversarial attitude.
7. Discord. (v. 20) This is arguing _____
_____.
8. Fits of rage. (v. 20) This is outbursts of anger.
9. Dissensions. (v. 20) Dissension describes a group of people where the members fly apart instead of coming together.
10. _____. (v. 20) _____
_____.

All are works of the flesh. Actions, attitudes, and outcomes that prove we need to walk in the Spirit so that we will not fulfill the lusts of the flesh. In verse 21, Paul is referring to _____. Paul is talking about the person who never battles against the rotten seeds.

After Paul paints the dark picture of the works of the flesh and the rotten seeds, he then gives us the hope of JUICY FRUIT.