

DEEDS OF THE FLESH

We have divided Gal.5:1-26 into two sections based on theme of Spiritual Freedom (Gal.5:1, 13).

- (Gal.5:1-2) Spiritual Freedom from slavery to legalism (Law).
- (Gal.5:13-26) Spiritual Freedom from slavery to the flesh (OSN).

We divided (Gal.5:13-26) into four sections for study.

- (Gal.5:13-15) Deployment of flesh.
- (Gal.5:16-18) Desires of the flesh.
- (Gal.5:19-23) **Deeds of the flesh.**
- (Gal.5:23-26) Death to flesh.

<p>Today we are studying four aspects of Deeds of Flesh (OSN).</p>

1. Paul introduced Deeds of Flesh with five interesting aspects using the Greek grammar.

1. “Now (de/ transitional conj.) **the deeds** (ta ergon/ **npln**) of the flesh (tes sarx/ abl.s.f)” (Gal.5:19a)
2. “are (eimi/ p.a.ind.3ps) **evident** (phaneros/ **npln**/ predicate adj.” (Gal.5:19b)
3. “**which** (hostis/ qualitative relative pronoun/ **npln**) are (eimi/ p.a.ind.3ps)” (Gal.5:19c-21a)
4. “things like these of **which** (hos/ relative pronoun/ **npln**)” (Gal.5:21b)
5. “I forewarn (prolego/ p.a.ind.1ps) you just as I have forewarned (a.a.ind.1ps) you, that those who practice (hoi prasso/ p.a.ptc.nplm) **such things** (ta toioutos/ **npln**) shall not inherit the kingdom of God.” (Gal.5:21c)

2. Paul listed 15 deeds of the flesh that were part of the Greco-Roman culture of south Galatia (Gal.5:19-21).

Paul suggested that this list is only a representative of a larger list – “And things like these” (Gal.5:21b).

These 15 deeds of the flesh are not diseases of the body or of the mind. **They are deeds of the flesh** (OSN) (ta ergon tes sarx).

These 15 deeds of the flesh are manifested works (deeds) of the desires of your OSN (James 1:14-15; Rom.13:14; 1 Pet.2:11; Gal.5:17).

3. We will put these 15 deeds of the flesh into four categories.

NOTE: They are all predicate nominatives of Deeds of the Flesh (Gal.5:19) (ta ergon/ npln).

- **Sexual sins:**
 - Fornication (porneia),
 - Moral depravity (akatharsia)
 - Lewdness (aselgeia).

- **Sorcery sins:**
 - Idolatry (eidololatria)
 - Sorcery (pharmakeia).

- **Strife sins:**
 - Enmities (echthra)
 - Strife (eris)
 - Jealousy (zelos)
 - Outbursts of anger (thumos)
 - Disputes (eritheia)
 - Dissensions (dichostasia)
 - Factions (hairesis)
 - Envy (phthonos).

- **Sloshed sins:**
 - Drunkenness (methe)
 - Carousing (komos)

4. Spiritual Freedom is one of the Fifty things that every CAB receives in the moment of Grace Salvation.

Because of spiritual freedom, every CAB has the freedom to choose whether he/she will walk by means of the flesh or by the Indwelling Holy Spirit (Gal.5:16-17).

The CAB is **either carnal or spiritual** at any given moment, never both, in his / her Christian Walk. (1 Cor.3:1-3).

These two natures can only be manifested in the CAB's walk. (Gal.5:17). This is because only the CAB has the Indwelling Holy Spirit (1 Cor.2:14; Rom.8:9; Gal.3:2-3; John 7:37-39).

NOTE: The **Directive Will of God** is for every New Covenant (NC) believer and he /she is commanded to walk by means of the Indwelling Holy Spirit (Gal.5:16) (peripateo) (p.a.impv.2pl) [In every area of their lives] (Jer.31:31-34; Luke 22:20; 1 Cor.11:25; Heb.9:15; Gal.4:25), and yet, God allows, having given man the free will to choose.

Choose Rightly!