

TESTING IN THE CHRISTIAN WAY OF LIFE (part four) **(Lust giving birth to Sin)**

We introduced this subject in our last lesson entitled, [Testing by Lust of Old Sin-nature](#).

In this lesson we will study four aspects of Lust Giving Birth to Sin in the Christian Way of Life from James 1:14-15.

1. It is important that every Church Age Believer understand that temptation to sin, by his own Old Sin Nature lust trends, is NOT personal sin. But it is a red flag warning of carnality!

(1 Cor.3:1) “And I brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual men (pneumatikos), but as men of flesh (sarkinos) [fleshy] (The KJ calls it carnal/ Latin), as to infants (nepios) [immature/ 3:2] in Christ.”

The Greek word Sarkikos is descriptive of the Old Sin Nature while sarkinos is descriptive of the sins resulting from the lust trends of the Old Sin Nature (1 Cor.3:3) [jealous and strife].

(Jas.1:14) “But each one is **tempted** (periazō/ p.p.ind.3ps) when he is carried away (exelko/ p.p.ptc.nsm/ drawn away) and enticed (deleazo/ p.p.ptc.nsm) **by** (hupo+abl.of means) [allowing oneself to be controlled by] **his own** (tes idios/ abl.sf) **lust.**”

Being Carried away and enticed (temptation) is **NOT** sin but increasing temptations of the Old Sin Nature lust trends are a red flag warning! An example would be **David and Bathsheba’s** incident in 2 Sam.11:2-3 (tempted - carried away and enticed, but NOT sin).

Paul tells us what NOT to do when the danger signs are obvious:

(Rom.13:14) “But put on (enduo/ a.m.impv.2pl) the Lord Jesus Christ and **make no** (me poieo/ p.m.impv.2pl) **provision** for the flesh (Old Sin Nature) in regard to its lust.”

2. Temptation by the lust trends of one’s Old Sin Nature does become personal sin when a believer acts volitionally to gratify that lust trend.

(Jas.1:15a) “**Then when** lust has conceived (sullambano/ a.a.ptc.nsf) [the active voice is volition] (James uses the illustration of pregnancy), **it gives birth** (tikto/ p.a.ind.3ps) [natural birth] **to sin** (hamartia).”

Let go back to David and Bathsheba to (2 Sam.11:4-5) to see how “**lust conceived gives birth to sin.**”

3. A believer who doesn’t confessed their personal sin is called carnal and out of fellowship (1 John 1:5-9) (an apriori argument).

(Jas.1:15b) “And when **sin is accomplished** (apoteleo/ a.p.ptc.nsm), it brings forth (apokueo/ p.a.ind.3ps) [begets] (**gives birth to**) **death** (thanatos).”

This is the doctrinal principle of **temporal death**. “But she who gives herself to wanton pleasure (he/ spatialao/ p.a.ptc.nsf) [lasciviousness pleasure] is dead even while she lives.” (1 Tim.5:6; 1 Cor.3:15)

(1 John 1:9) “If (3cc) [maybe we will, maybe we won’t] we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (**Restored to fellowship with God**)

4. What happens if the believer remains in carnality rather than confess his personal sin?

God begins to apply His Divine Discipline as described in (Heb.12:5-11). Temporal death leads to the sin unto death (1 John 5:16).

This continued rebellion is referred to as the carnal believer going into a state of Reversionism.

(Eph.4:19) “And they, **having become callous**, have given themselves over to sensuality for the practice of every kind of impurity with greediness.”

We will see this end with David and Bathsheba to (2 Sam.11-12).

(2 Sam.12:9) “Why have you despised the word of the Lord by doing evil in His sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the word of the sons of Ammon.”

The Lord had put David under the sin unto death, and he would have died if he had not **confessed his sin**.

(2 Sam.12:13 “Then David said to Nathan, ‘I have sinned against the Lord.’ And Nathan said to David, ‘The Lord also has taken away your sin; **you shall not die.**” (Ps.51:4)

Carnality and Spirituality are mutually exclusive!

This means that at any given moment in one’s walk in the Christian Way of Life, he / she is either carnal or spiritual. Never be in both conditions at the same time!

What controls the lust of Old Sin Nature is the Indwelling Holy Spirit (Gal.5:16-17).

Walking by means of Indwelling Holy spirit produces **Spirituality** (pneumatikos).

(1 Cor.3:1-3) “And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual men, but as to men of flesh, as to infants in Christ. I gave you milk to drink, not solid food; for you were not yet able *to receive it*. Indeed, even now you are not yet able, for you are still fleshly. For since there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not fleshly, and are you not walking like mere men?

(Rom.8:6) “For the mind set on the flesh (lust gratification of Old Sin Nature) is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace.” (Rom.8:8)