



RELIGIOUS WORKS OF THE FLESH WHICH UNDERMINE THE UNITY OF THE BODY

**SCRIPTURE READING:
I Corinthians 1:10-13; 3:1-8, 21-23**

INTRODUCTION

We are in the process of identifying the 17 works of The Flesh (sin nature).

This is for the purpose of being aware of the methods of attack from this 24/7 enemy.



Not every work of the flesh is always manifesting itself to our minds, **HOWEVER** all 17 work-lusts are a potential to every believer

1 Cor 10:13 – all temptations are common to man

Heb 12:1 – there are particular work-lusts that can result in a specific sin to which the individual Christian may be more likely to do

At the
“morgue
of the
flesh” we
have so
far
identified:

Adultery

Fornication

Uncleannes
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Lasciviousness

Idolatry

Religious
superstitious
awe

Outrageous
lewd
behavior

“witchcraft”
in KJV

REVIEW

- This morning we return to the ‘Morgue’ in order to identify another work of the sin nature:



- **DIVISIONS**

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- Two words that are translated ‘division’ in the KJV:
 - **Sedition (schism)**
 - The word “sedition” in Gal 5:20 (KJV) literally means ‘a standing apart between two (points of view)’
 - It is a division of opinion within a group.
 - This work of the flesh can lead to a division from the group.
 - It is properly called “SCHISM”

SEDITIONOUS DIVISIONS (3x in NT)

- Rom 16:17 is a warning to believers concerns one who make divisions alongside learned doctrine
 - The Bible is the only and only final authority for all doctrine
- You only know what you've been taught by the teacher of the Word, the Holy Spirit (1 Jn 2:20,27)
- What you are not yet Spirit-taught, put 'on the shelf'

SEPARATING DIVISIONS (8x in NT, 3x in I Corinthians)

Separation from the group
because of preferences of
personalities

- I Cor 1:10-12

Schism from the group
because of preferences of
social standing

- I Cor 11:18, cf I Tim 6:5

Schism because of
preference of spiritual gifts

- I Cor 12:25

CONCLUSION

Unity needs to be desired on the part of each spiritual believer even though there are ongoing differences among true believers in the areas of spirituality and carnality and levels of maturity. (cf Cor 1:10)



Rom 16:17 concerning those who make divisions alongside Spirit-taught doctrine: “don’t argue, don’t fight...rather “avoid” (KJV), turn away (Grk), don’t engage...