

**The 17 Works of
the Flesh and
“Such Like”**

*Scripture
Reading:*

**Galations
5:16-21**

INTRODUCTION

- ◆ **Knowledge and defense** of the NT believer's three spiritual enemies are an aspect of our **PRESENT-TENSE SALVATION!**

Review of the First 16 Works of the Flesh

◇ Galatians 5:19-21

- ◇ ¹⁹ ”...Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, ²¹ envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like...”

“Revelings”

- ◇ **Riotous lack of inhibitions**
- ◇ **Extreme indulgence of one’s appetites**
 - ◇ Webster’s definition: debauchery
- ◇ **Similar to lasciviousness (outrageous lewd behavior), but broader in scope**
- ◇ **Always linked to drunkenness**
 - ◇ Gal 5:21; I Pet 4:3; Rom 13:13
- ◇ **The opposite behavior from σεμνος (gravity, sensibleness, seriousness)**
 - ◇ Phil 4:8; I Tim 2:2

“Revelings”

- ◇ **For the NT believer: Instead of clouded thinking (by drunkenness with its accompanying revelry); serious, focused thinking on our salvation**
- ◇ **Worshiping God always - I Thess 5:17; Phil 4:6-8**
- ◇ **Focus our thinking on things above, not on things on the earth - Col 3:2**
- ◇ **Worship with others who are having difficulty concentrating on the Savior and salvation - James 5:14**

“And Such Like”

- ◇ Scriptural lists of unrighteousness that link other behaviors with the list of the 17 works of the flesh
- ◇ For example, see Colossians 3:5 (NKJV)
“Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.”

CONCLUSION

- ◇ “The Christian should memorize the 17 works of the flesh and become so familiar with their manifestations that he is able to recognize the source of the desires he has. An awareness of the source allows him the potential to have victory over his own sin nature.”
 - Dr. HL Schafer, The Enemy Within