



Sexual Purity Course Lesson 25

Scripture: Read Galatians 5:16-25.

Study:

1. What does the Spirit do in this passage?
2. What does the flesh do in this passage?
3. Are the flesh and Spirit equally strong forces, working against each other, within a Christian? Explain.
4. Are Christians capable of committing the sins listed as “the works of the flesh”? Defend and explain your answer.
5. Why do you think Paul re-warned the Galatians that those who practice the works of the flesh “will not inherit the kingdom of God”? Why did he need to repeat this warning?
6. How has the cross changed those who belong to Christ?

Application:

1. Is joy found by giving into temptation or resisting it in the Spirit’s power? Explain.
2. What must you do to live in the power of the Spirit and not gratify the desires of the flesh? How do you actually go about living in the power of the Spirit? How do you know if you are living in the power of the Spirit?
3. Take the gospel into account. Jesus death has paid the penalty for your sins, but it has also fundamentally changed your relationship to sin. According to this passage, your flesh and its desires have been crucified. Meditate on that. Describe your flesh as crucified; describe the desire of sexual immorality as crucified. Take the cross into account. What kind of power does it really have over you?
4. Remember: If you are walking in the Spirit and your flesh is crucified, it will still shout temptation, but you do not have to obey it.