

October 24, 2018
“Freedom’s Product”
Galatians 5:19-26
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I. Deadly Detours (19-21)

- A. Desires that are misdirected** *“Now the works of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, moral impurity, promiscuity,”* (v. 19) These activities direct one’s passion away from Christ.
- B. Devotions that are misguided** *“idolatry, sorcery...”* (v. 20a) These activities direct one’s priority away from Christ (Col. 3:5).
- C. Dispositions that are mismanaged** *“hatreds, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambitions, dissensions, factions, envy”* (vv. 20b-21a) These actions tear down unity and thus the body of Christ.
- D. Displays that harm one’s reputation** *“drunkenness, carousing, and anything similar. I am warning you about these things-as I warned you before-that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.”* (21)
 - 1. Be willing to inspect fruit *“I am warning you”*
 - 2. A lifestyle rather than an occasional slip *“those who practice such things”*
 - 3. Actions have consequences *“will not inherit the kingdom of God.”*

II. Positive Produce (22-26)

“²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith,²³ gentleness, self-control. Against such things there is no law. ²⁴ Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ Since we live by the Spirit, we must also follow the Spirit. ²⁶ We must not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.” (22-26)

- A. Proofs that Highlight (22-23)** A good test for those who claim to be ‘spiritual’ can be formulated from the checklist in (vv. 22-23).
 - 1. A countenance that is obvious *“love, joy, peace”* (v. 22)
 - 2. A conduct that is orderly *“patience, kindness, goodness”* (v. 22-23)
 - 3. A character that is obedient *“faithfulness, gentleness, self-control”* (22-23)

B. Procedures that help (v.24-26)

1. An appropriation to experience ***“Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires”*** (24) (cf 2:20)
2. An action to exhibit ***“If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit”*** (v. 25)
3. An attitude to escape ***“Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.”*** (26) (Rom. 6:21-22; 8:1-4)

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