

Paul's Letter to the
Romans



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Only Two Types of People:

1. Those who walk according to the flesh.
2. Those who walk according to the Spirit.

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OUTLINE

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- 1) How Can You tell who's who? vv. 4-5
- 2) What AWAITS each? v. 6
- 3) Why (Unbeliever)? vv. 7-8
 - a. Hostile toward God v. 7
 - b. Does not submit himself to God. v. 7
 - c. Not able. v. 7
 - d. Cannot please God. v. 8

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- 8 and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.



HELPFUL DEFINITIONS



“Walk” or “walking”

- “To go here and there in walking, go about, walk around.”*
- The idea is ‘How you live your life.’
- What is typical of you.
- What is usual for you
- The pattern of your life.

- ❖ There are those who do this: “According to the flesh.”
- ❖ And those who do this: “According to the Spirit.”

From the Greek περιπατέω (BDAG)

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"According to"

- "Marker of intention or goal."*
- It can mean "for the purpose of/to"*



- ❖ If we put the two together (walking according to);
- 1) There are those who are going through life, living their life with the goal of, or the purpose of, living in the flesh".
(seeking to please the flesh)
 - 2) There are those who are going through life, living their life with the goal of, or the purpose of, or intention of living in the Spirit.
(seeking to please God.).

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“Set your mind”

- Not simply about intellect or thinking.
- More than that.
- It's the hope of your inner being.
- It's what you WANT to happen.
- What you're aiming at. Striving for.
- What you aspire to.*

*From the Greek **φρόνημα** (BDAG)

SOME "LUSTS OF THE FLESH"



Galatians 5:19-21

“Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.”

SOME MORE “LUSTS OF THE FLESH”



1 Corinthians 6:9-11

“Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? **Do not be deceived**; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God. Such **were** some of you; **but** you were washed, **but** you were sanctified, **but** you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.”

GALATIANS 6:7-8



“Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, **but** the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.”

Your way or God's way? Flesh or Spirit

Prov. 1:30-33 ""They would not accept my counsel,
They spurned all my reproof. "So they shall eat of the
fruit of their own way And be satiated with their own
devices. "For the waywardness of the naive will kill
them, And the complacency of fools will destroy
them. "But he who listens to me shall live securely
And will be at ease from the dread of evil.""

Hosea 10:12 "Sow with a view to righteousness, Reap
in accordance with kindness; Break up your fallow
ground, For it is time to seek the LORD Until He comes
to rain righteousness on you."



GALATIANS 5:16-25

16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.

17 For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please.

18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law. 19 Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, 20 idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, 21 envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.



JESUS TO PETER

MATTHEW 16:21-23

“21 From that time Jesus began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised up on the third day.

22 Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This shall never happen to You.”

23 But He turned and said to Peter, “Get behind Me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to Me; for you are not setting your mind on God’s interests, but man’s.”





The Christian life is a life lived in submission
to what God's wants, **not** what YOU want.



EPHESIANS 5:8-12

“For you were formerly darkness, but now you are Light in the Lord; walk as children of Light (for the fruit of the Light consists in all goodness and righteousness and truth), trying to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Do not participate in the unfruitful deeds of darkness, but instead even expose them; for it is disgraceful even to speak of the things which are done by them in secret.

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THOUGHT PROVOKING QUOTE

"If you repeat a lie often enough, people will begin to believe it, and they not only will believe it, but they also will defend it as a truism. Our culture is permeated with the idea that there is no war between man and God.



We hear, "God hates the sin but loves the sinner." We hear that God loves everybody unconditionally, but that is the biggest lie of our day, because he does not. At the last judgment God will not send sins to hell; he will send sinners to hell. Even though sinners enjoy the blessings of God's providential love, his filial love is not their desert...the Scriptures are graphic in describing God's attitude toward impenitent, carnally minded people. God abhors them. Nobody talks that way anymore—except for God in His word. To set our minds on the things of his world is death. God is the supreme obstacle to people finding happiness in their desires of the flesh. God is always standing in the way. The life of the flesh is lived not in neutrality but in opposition to God, which is Paul's point. To be carnally minded is to be at enmity with God." RC. Sproul.

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