



GALATIANS

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FIGHTING for  
the GOSPEL

A Verse-by-Verse Study

## Galatians 5: 18 (NIV)

*They are in conflict with each other,  
so that you are not to do whatever  
you want.*



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Turn to:  
Romans 7:14-25

## Romans 7: 14-25 (NIV)

*We know that the law is spiritual; but I am unspiritual, sold as a slave to sin. I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do.*

## Romans 7: 14-25 (NIV)

*And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me.*

## Romans 7: 14-25 (NIV)

*For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out.*

## Romans 7: 14-25 (NIV)

*For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.*

## Romans 7: 14-25 (NIV)

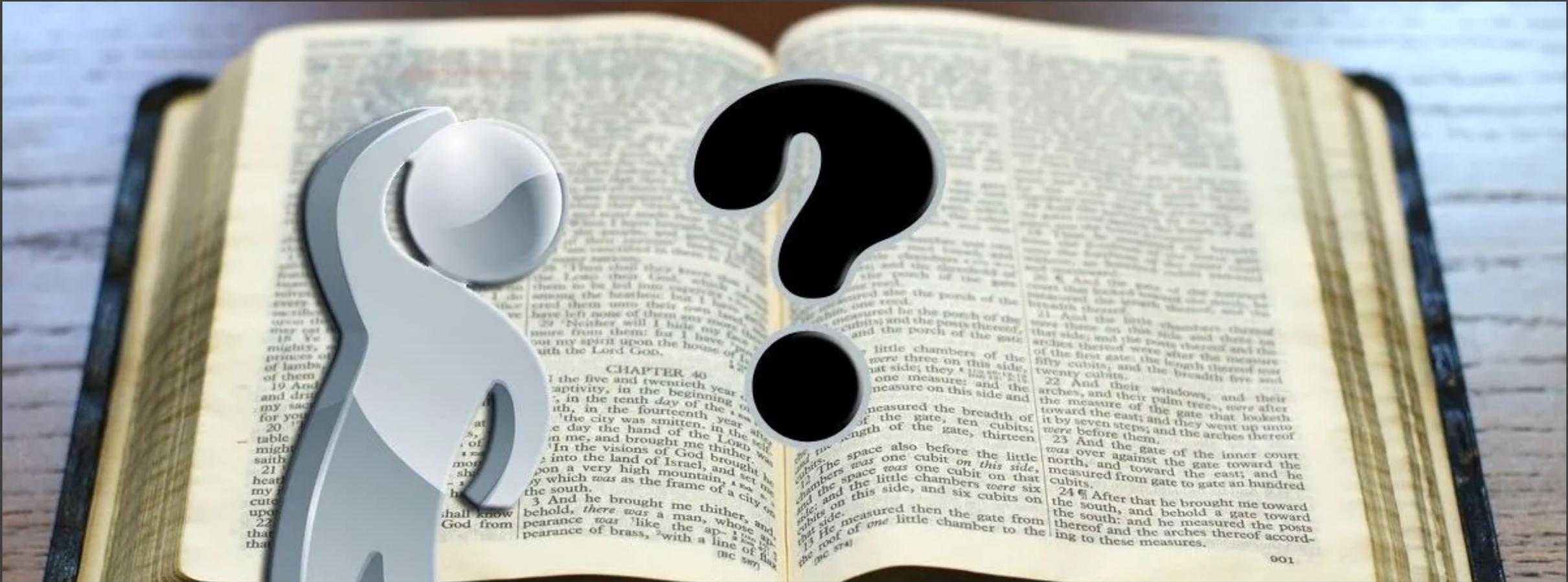
*So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. For in my inner being I delight in God's law;*

## Romans 7: 14-25 (NIV)

*but I see another law at work in me,  
waging war against the law of my  
mind and making me a prisoner of  
the law of sin at work within  
me. What a wretched man I am!*

## Romans 7: 14-25 (NIV)

*Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God's law, but in my sinful nature a slave to the law of sin.*



So how do we win this battle raging inside of us?



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Turn to:  
James 4: 7

## James 4: 7a (NIV)

**Submit yourselves, then, to God.**

## James 4: 7 (NIV)

*Submit yourselves, then, to God.  
Resist the devil, and he will flee  
from you.*

# Submit then resist!

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## Galatians 5: 18 (NIV)

*They are in conflict with each other,  
so that you are not to do whatever  
you want.*



What are the fruits of the flesh?

# Galatians 5: 19-20 (NIV)

***The acts of the flesh are obvious:***

Obvious

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Glaringly apparent

Greek:  
phaneros

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A public address

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Things visible and well  
known to all



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Turn to:  
Mark 7: 1-23

## Mark 7: 1-23 (NIV)

*The Pharisees and some of the teachers of the law who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus and saw some of his disciples eating food with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed.*

## Mark 7: 1-23 (NIV)

*(The Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they give their hands a ceremonial washing, holding to the tradition of the elders.*

## Mark 7: 1-23 (NIV)

*When they come from the marketplace they do not eat unless they wash. **And they observe many other traditions**, such as the washing of cups, pitchers and kettles.)*

## Mark 7: 1-23 (NIV)

*So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, “Why don’t your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with defiled hands?”*

## Mark 7: 1-23 (NIV)

*He replied, "Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written:*

*"These people honor me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me.*



What does Jesus mean when He says they honor Him with their lips but not their hearts?

## Mark 7: 1-23 (NIV)

*They worship me in vain;  
their teachings are merely  
human rules.'*



What happens when we start following human rules and not God's rules?

## Mark 7: 1-23 (NIV)

**You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to human traditions.”** And he continued, “You have a fine way of setting aside the commands of God in order to observe your own traditions!

You cannot hold onto  
both the traditions of man  
and the commands of God!

## Mark 7: 1-23 (NIV)

*For Moses said, 'Honor your father and mother,' and, 'Anyone who curses their father or mother is to be put to death.'*

## Mark 7: 1-23 (NIV)

*But you say that if anyone declares that what might have been used to help their father or mother is Corban (that is, devoted to God)*

## Mark 7: 1-23 (NIV)

*then you no longer let them do anything for their father or mother.*

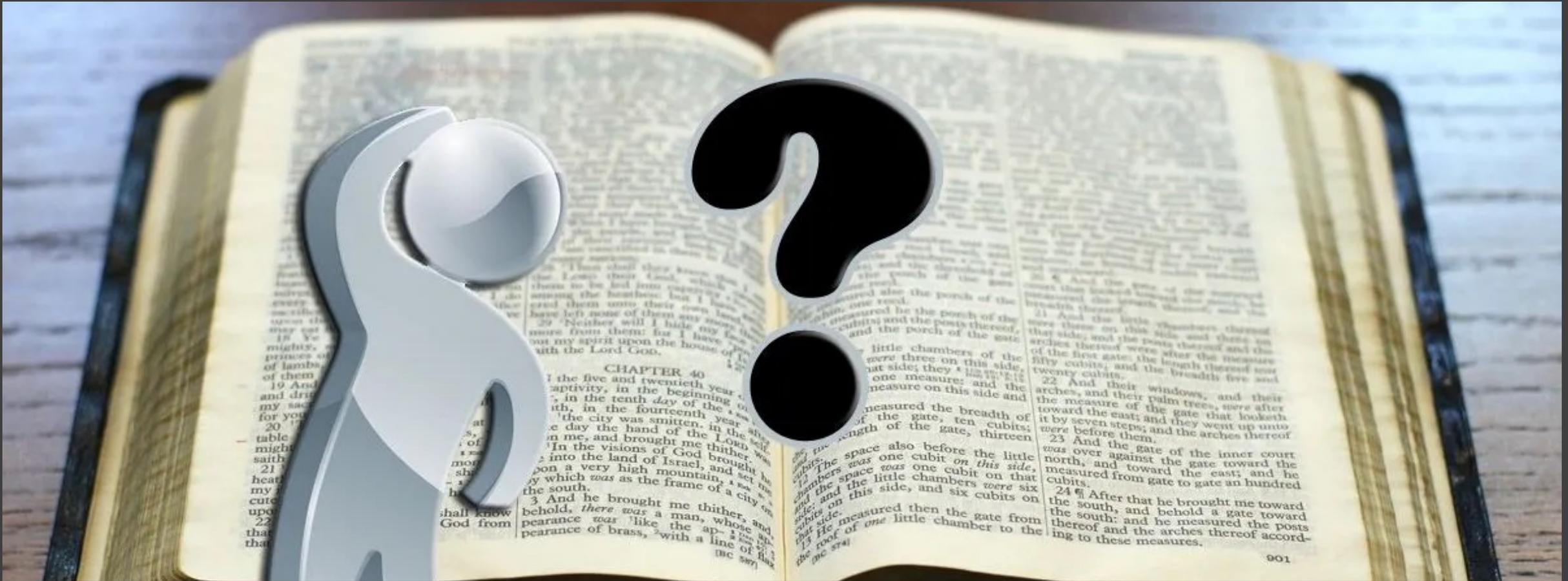
*Thus you nullify the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And you do many things like that.”*

## Mark 7: 1-23 (NIV)

*Again Jesus called the crowd to him and said, “Listen to me, everyone, and understand this. Nothing outside a person can defile them by going into them. Rather, it is what comes out of a person that defiles them.”*

## Mark 7: 1-23 (NIV)

*After he had left the crowd and entered the house, his disciples asked him about this parable.*



How do you think Jesus felt about His disciples not understanding this basic truth?

## Mark 7: 1-23 (NIV)

*“Are you so dull?” he asked. “Don’t you see that nothing that enters a person from the outside can defile them?”*

## Mark 7: 1-23 (NIV)

*For it doesn't go into their heart but into their stomach, and then out of the body.” (In saying this, Jesus declared all foods clean.)*

## Mark 7: 1-23 (NIV)

*He went on: “What comes out of a person is what defiles them. For it is from within, out of a person’s heart, that evil thoughts come*



What are some examples of evil thoughts?

## Mark 7: 1-23 (NIV)

*sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. All these evils come from inside and defile a person.”*

# Galatians 5: 19 (NIV)

***The acts of the flesh are obvious:***



The Bad Fruit!

# Galatians 5: 19 (NASB)

*which are: sexual immorality,  
impurity, indecent behavior*

# Sexual Sins- Sexual Immorality

Greek- porneía

- The root of the English terms "pornography, pornographic"
- The surrendering of sexual purity
- Promiscuity of any every type
- Any sexual activity outside of marriage

# Galatians 5: 19 (NASB)

*which are: sexual immorality,  
impurity, indecent behavior*

# Sexual Sins- Impurity

Greek- akatharsia

- The impurity of lustful, luxurious, profligate living
- Morally unclean
- Sexual contamination
- Sexual activity outside of marriage which leads to sickness and disease

# Galatians 5: 19 (NASB)

*which are: sexual immorality,  
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# Sexual Sins- Indecent Behavior

Greek- aselgeia

- Perversion
- Sex worship
- The uncontrolled desires of a person in a sexual manner
- Obsession with sexual things obvious or suggested
- Nudity and conduct shocking to public decency

# Galatians 5: 20 (NASB)

*idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions*

# Religious Sins- Idolatry

Greek- eidololatreaia

- Image worship
- Placing something above God
- To bow to anything or anyone in worship
- Sex / Power / Wealth / Sports / Vanity are examples of idols today

## Galatians 5: 20 (NASB)

*idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions*

# Religious Sins- Witchcraft

Greek- pharmakeia

- To perform supernatural magic or magic spells
- To use mind altering drugs
- To alter consciousness
- To practice demonism, witchcraft, or occultism
- Fortune tellers/astrology

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discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish  
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# Relational Sins- Hatred

Greek- echthra

- Hatred
- Hostility
- Bitterness
- Bad attitude

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# Relational Sins- Discord

Greek- eris

- To quarrel or a readiness to quarrel
- Strife
- Having a contentious spirit
- Having an affection for dispute

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# Relational Sins- Jealousy

Greek- *zelos*

- Literally means "hot enough to *boil*."
- A burning anger
- A desire to take, steal what another has

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# Relational Sins- Fits of Rage

Greek- thumos

- Angry temper
- Outbursts of anger
- Rage
- Sudden and explosive reactions toward others
- Acting upon emotions

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# Relational Sins- Selfish Ambition

Greek- eritheia

- Placing self-interest ahead of what *the Lord* declares right, or what is good for others
- A willingness to harm or injure another to advance yourself
- Putting self first

## Galatians 5: 20 (NASB)

*idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions*

# Relational Sins- Dissensions

Greek- dichostasia

- To wrongly separate people into pointless factions
- To create division
- To form cliques

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# Relational Sins- Factions

## Greek- hairesis

- To be opinionated
- To create religious or philosophical sects
- To divide based on false teaching

## Galatians 5: 21 (NASB)

envy, 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.

# Relational Sins- Envy

Greek- phthonos

- Anger when someone else is blessed
- The miserable trait of being glad when someone experiences misfortune or pain
- A sour attitude

## Galatians 5: 21 (NASB)

*envy, 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.*

# Relational Sins- Drunkenness

Greek- methé

- To be intoxicated
- Deep drinking
- Drunk
- To be possessed by alcohol
- Loss of control or out of character
- Desiring to be altered

## Galatians 5: 21 (NASB)

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# Relational Sins- Carousing

## Greek- kómos

- A riotous party or drunken feast which hosts unbridled sexual immorality
- A party of revelers parading the streets until late at night
- Revels held in religious ceremonies
- Rioting

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What are examples of things like these?

## Galatians 5: 21 (NASB)

*envy, 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.*



What does it mean to practice such things?

# Practice

Greek- prassó

- Implying what is done as a regular practice— i.e. a routine or habit
- To perform repeatedly or habitually
- A way of life, thinking, living, and longing



What happens to those who practice these things?

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