

LIFE IN THE WORD

SERIES:

GET IN STEP!

(WALK IN THE SPIRIT)

**LESSON THREE:
SPIRITUAL
MISALIGNMENT
(WORKS OF THE FLESH)**

**FOUNDATION SCRIPTURE:
GALATIANS 5:25, IF WE LIVE
IN THE SPIRIT, LET US ALSO
WALK IN THE SPIRIT.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON:
GALATIANS 5:19-21

**GALATIANS 5:19-21, NOW THE WORKS OF
THE FLESH ARE EVIDENT: SEXUAL
IMMORALITY, IMPURITY, SENSUALITY,
IDOLATRY, SORCERY, ENMITY, STRIFE,
JEALOUSY, FITS OF ANGER, RIVALRIES,
DISSENSIONS, DIVISIONS, ENVY,
DRUNKENNESS, ORGIES, AND THINGS LIKE
THESE. I WARN YOU, AS I WARNED YOU
BEFORE, THAT THOSE WHO DO SUCH THINGS
WILL NOT INHERIT THE KINGDOM OF GOD.**

IT'S CLEAR THAT OUR FLESH ENTICES US INTO PRACTICING SOME OF ITS MOST HEINOUS ACTS: PARTICIPATING IN CORRUPT SEXUAL RELATIONSHIPS, IMPURITY, UNBRIDLED LUST, IDOLATRY, WITCHCRAFT, HATRED, ARGUING, JEALOUSY, ANGER, SELFISHNESS, CONTENTIOUSNESS, DIVISION, ENVY OF OTHERS' GOOD FORTUNE, DRUNKEN REVELRY, AND OTHER SHAMEFUL VICES THAT PLAGUE HUMANKIND. I TOLD YOU THIS CLEARLY BEFORE, AND I ONLY TELL YOU AGAIN SO THERE IS NO ROOM FOR CONFUSION: THOSE WHO GIVE IN TO THESE WAYS WILL NOT INHERIT THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

(THE VOICE)

**LESSON THREE:
SPIRITUAL MISALIGNMENT
(WORKS OF THE FLESH)**

**MISALIGNMENT IS THE STATE OF
BEING IN THE WRONG POSITION IN
RELATION TO SOMETHING ELSE.
(OXFORD LEARNING DICTIONARY)**

**FOUR CATEGORIES OF THE WORKS OF
THE FLESH:**

**I. SEXUAL MISALIGNMENT (V.19)
SEXUAL IMMORALITY, IMPURITY,
AND SENSUALITY**

**I THESSALONIANS 4:3, THIS IS
THE WILL OF GOD, YOUR
SANCTIFICATION: THAT YOU
ABSTAIN FROM SEXUAL
IMMORALITY.**

**THREE WAYS TO PURSUE SEXUAL
WHOLENESS AND HOLINESS:**

**1. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO STRUGGLE
ALONE.**

**2. DO NOT BE SHOCKED BY
OTHERS.**

**3. RECEIVE GOD'S GRACE FOR A
FRESH START.**

II. SPIRITUAL MISALIGNMENT (20)
IDOLATRY AND SORCERY

**THREE WAYS TO RESIST THE
WORKS OF THE FLESH:**

1. WORSHIP GOD

2. PURSUE SPIRITUAL DEPTH WITH GOD

3. ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER

III. SOCIETAL MISALIGNMENT (20- 21)

**ENMITY, STRIFE, JEALOUSY,
ANGER, REVELRIES, DISSENSIONS,
DIVISIONS, AND ENVY**

IV. SUBSTANCE MISALIGNMENT

(21)

DRUNKENNESS AND ORGIES

TWO WEAPONS AT OUR DISPOSAL:

**1. REACH OUT TO OUR BROTHERS AND
SISTERS IN CHRIST.**

**2. SEEK A SOLID AND SUPPORTIVE
CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY.**

PRAYER

DEAR LORD, I LONG FOR MY SPIRIT TO HAVE MORE CONTROL OF MY FLESH. I PRAY FOR INSIGHT ON WHAT I NEED TO DO SO THAT MY LIFE WILL BE IN THE RIGHT ORDER. IN JESUS' NAME, AMEN.

FOLLOW UP CHAT QUESTIONS:

1. EXPLAIN THE MEANING OF “MISALIGNMENT.”

2. WHEN YOU ARE DOMINATED BY YOUR OWN FLESHLY DESIRES YOU ARE LESS RECEPTIVE TO THE HOLY SPIRIT’S GUIDANCE.

HOW SO?

3. DESCRIBE THE “WAR WITHIN.”

5. LIST THE FOUR CATEGORIES OF MISALIGNMENT. EXPLAIN.

6. WHY ARE THESE FLESHLY SINS MORE TOLERANT WITHIN THE CHURCH?

7. LIST WAYS WE CAN OVERCOME THE WORKS OF THE FLESH.