

**Series:** The Fruit of the Spirit  
**Title:** "The Works of the Flesh"  
**Text:** Galatians 5:19-21  
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*Let's examine Paul's teaching on "the works of the flesh" by asking and answering three key questions...*

## **1. WHAT ARE THE WORKS OF THE FLESH?**

Matthew 22:37-40

Exodus 20:1-17

2 Corinthians 6:6-8

John 15:5

Philippians 4:13

"One thing is very clear; — we cannot work this mighty change ourselves. It is not in us. We have no strength or power to do it. We may change our sins, but we cannot change our hearts. We may take up a new way, be not a new nature. We may make considerable reforms or alterations. We may lay aside many outward bad habits, and being to do many outward duties. But we cannot create a new principle within us. We cannot bring something out of nothing. The Ethiopian cannot change his skin, nor the leopard his spots. Nor can we put life into our own souls (Jeremiah 13:23)." **J.C. Ryle**

## **2. WHAT DO THE WORKS OF THE FLESH HAVE TO DO WITH OUR STANDING BEFORE GOD?**

Matthew 7:19-20

Ephesians 2:8-10

James 2:26

Matthew 7:21

Revelation 20:12

## **3. HOW CAN WE OVERCOME THE WORK OF THE FLESH?**

Galatians 2:20

Romans 6:6

Galatians 5:24