

The Battle for the Christian's Thinking, part 6
The way out

- I. The progression from a thought to an act of sin.
 - 1. Idea, lust, temptation, trespass, act of sin.
 - 2. The way out of lust—order lifestyle by the Spirit.
 - 3. The way out of temptation—recognize specific spiritual enemy and use appropriate mental defense by the Spirit.
- II. The way out of a trespass—take heed of spiritual Christians' adjustment (Gal. 6:1).
 - 1. The context (Gal. 5:26).
 - 1) "Let us not come to be conceited", smug, self-important.
 - i. Danger in assuming that spiritual life is out of yourself (cf. Eph. 2:8).
 - ii. Danger of not understanding grace: God-centered vs. self-centered (Rom. 11:6).
 - 2) "by provoking one another"
 - i. Making a show of personal success, "look what I did".
 - ii. Rather than, "how does Scripture say to do it?"
 - 3) "by envying each other".
 - i. Envy—resentment of others' benefits.
 - ii. Here, resenting others' spiritual life based on works (Gal. 5:1-15; 5:4).
 - 2. "overcome in a certain trespass" (Gal. 6:1).
 - 1) Evident attitude:
 - 2) Of conceit, provoking others, and/or envy.
 - 3. "you-all the spiritual ones"
 - 1) Each person should and can know if they are spiritual: emanating things of the Spirit—**be careful with this knowledge!**
 - 2) The spiritual Christian scrutinizes the things regarding the new birth—family of God (1 Cor. 2:15; 9).
 - 4. "adjust such a one"
 - 1) In a spirit of meekness (2 Tim. 3:16).
 - 2) Mark yourself (singular) to not be tempted, regarding your importance, your maturity level (Phil. 3:12).