

The Enemy Within part 4

- I. The sin nature—aka the flesh, sin principle.
 1. The instinctual lawlessness of all humans (1 Jn. 1:8):
 2. This nature produces sin acts: acting as though God has no standard, limits (1 Jn. 1:10; 3:4).
- II. What does ‘spiritual’ mean?
 1. ‘Spiritual’ has an ending—*pertaining to, emanating from*.
 2. Does this reference the human spirit or the Holy Spirit?
 - 1) Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 2:4-14).
 - 2) Human spirit (1 Cor. 2:11-12).
 3. A ‘spiritual believer’ is manifesting things stemming from the Holy Spirit.
 4. There are no degrees of spirituality.
 - 1) Either carnal (1 Cor. 3:1-3).
 - 2) Or spiritual (1 Cor. 2:15).
 5. You are to know if you are spiritual (Gal. 5:26-6:1).
- III. The Christian is to self-analyze, detect when not spiritual—**red flags**.
 1. Grieving of the Holy Spirit (Eph. 4:30).
 - 1) Not a question of salvation, a family relationship.
 - 2) This “Godly grief” is designed to produce a change of mind toward unrighteousness (2 Cor. 7:9-10).
 2. Quenching the Holy Spirit (1 Thes. 5:19).
 - 1) ‘Quench’ cannot mean extinguish since the believer is still indwelt and sealed.
 - 2) ‘Quench’ used to mean ‘hinder’ or ‘render ‘ineffective’ (Dan. 3:17-25 cf. Heb. 11:33-34).
 3. “Stop quenching the Holy Spirit!” (1 Thes. 5:19). These believers were:
 - 1) Not warning the unruly (v. 14).
 - 2) Not comforting the weak (v. 14).
 - 3) Not longsuffering: spiritual goal oriented (v. 14).
 - 4) Responded to those lacking in character likewise (v. 15).
 - 5) Not rejoicing (v. 16).
 - 6) Not communicating to God without signing off [cough].
 - 7) Not being thankful (v. 18).