

ONE STEP TO FREEDOM: CHAPTER 1: Planning For Victory Lesson 3

God labels the works of the flesh as sin:

It's important to know what God labels as sin so you can understand exactly what these words mean when you read them in your Bible. A Christian Bible commentary or strong's concordance, or a bible dictionary will help you, and you can find one for free online when you visit blueletterbible.org.

**Using one of these resources define the works of the flesh that are listed in..*

Galatians 5:19-25 (NKJV) ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are evident, and are manifest, which are; adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, ²¹ envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told *you* in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

****Adultery**; engaging in sexual relations between a married person and someone who is not their spouse. The word "adultery" comes from the Latin word meaning "to deceive."*

Exodus 20:14 (AMP) ¹⁴ "You shall not commit adultery.

Matthew 5:27-28 (AMP) ²⁷ "You have heard that it was said, 'YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY'; ²⁸ but I say to you that everyone who [so much as] looks at a woman with lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

Spiritual Adultery: *turning aside from the true God to the worship of idols. Putting ones relationship with an idol above their relationship with God. Their idol could be such things as false religious teachings, another god(s), material things, entertainment, recreation, money, sex, and so on. Elevating their idol above their vow to put the doing of God's will first in their life.*

Exodus 20:4-5a (AMP) ⁴ "You shall not make for yourself any idol, or any likeness, form or manifestation of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth as an object to worship. ⁵ You shall not worship them nor serve them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God.

James 4:4 (AMP) ⁴ Adulterers and adulteresses; disloyal sinners, flirting with the world and breaking your vow to God! Do you not know that being the world's friend that is, loving the things of the world, is being God's enemy? So whoever chooses to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

Fornication: *Thayers Definition: sexual immorality/illicit sexual intercourse, to include adultery, homosexuality, lesbianism, intercourse with animals, sexual intercourse with close relatives etc...*

1 Thessalonians 4:3-4 (KJV) ³ For this is the will of God, *even* your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:⁴ That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour;

1 Corinthians 6:18 (KJV) ¹⁸ Flee fornication *in any form, whether thought or behavior, whether visual or written*. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body.

Spiritual fornication: *Thayers Definition: the worship of idols in all forms*

Exodus 20:4-5a (AMP) ⁴“You shall not make for yourself any idol, or any likeness, form or manifestation of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth as an object to worship. ⁵You shall not worship them nor serve them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God

Uncleanness: *KJV Dictionary Definition: Foulness; dirtiness; filthiness, Lewdness; incontinence, unchaste, Ceremonial impurity, Moral impurity; defilement by sin; sinfulness. Spiritual impurity; Not in covenant with God, Foul with sin.*

Isaiah 64:6 (AMP) ⁶ For we have all become like one who is *ceremonially unclean*, and all our righteousness; *our “good deeds”* are like filthy rags or a polluted garment; we all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away from God’s favor, toward destruction.

**The evidence of uncleanness:*

Matthew 15:18-19 (AMP) ¹⁸ But whatever comes out of the mouth comes from the heart, and this is what makes a person unclean and defiles them.¹⁹ For out of the heart come evil thoughts such as murder, adultery, sexual vice, theft, false witness slander, *and* irreverent speech.

**God’s warning on uncleanness:*

Ephesians 5:5 (NKJV) ⁵ For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.

**God’s corrective instruction:*

Romans 6:19 (NKJV) ¹⁹ I speak in human *terms* because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members *as* slaves of uncleanness, and of

lawlessness *leading to more* lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness.

Lewdness: KJV Dictionary Definition:

Rude, shameful, ignorant, lower base behavior that is sexual in an either suggestive or an obvious and offensive way: The unlawful indulgence/acts of lust; fornication, or adultery. In Scripture, it generally denotes idolatry.

**God revealing the lewdness to His people and warning of judgement!*

Jeremiah 13:27 (AMP) ²⁷ “I have seen your vile *and* detestable acts, even your adulteries and your *lustful* neighings after idols, And the lewdness of your prostitution On the hills in the fields. Woe (judgment is coming) to you, O Jerusalem! How long will you remain unclean by ignoring My precepts?”

Ezekiel 23:49 (AMP) ⁴⁹ Thus your lewdness will be repaid to you, and you will suffer the penalty for your [sinful] idolatry; and you will know [without any doubt] that I am the Lord GOD.”

**God`s corrective instruction:*

Colossians 3:5 (Webster's Bible Translation) Mortify, *kill, put to death* therefore your members which are upon the earth; lewdness, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:

Idolatry: KJV Dictionary Definition: *The worship of someone or something other than The true God as if they/it were the true God. The devotion to anything or anyone, other than The true God. Extreme admiration, love, or reverence for something or someone. Excessive attachment or veneration bordering on adoration for anything or anyone other than The true God. The worship of false gods in images, statues, pictures, anything made by human hands; the worship of the heavenly bodies, the sun, moon and stars, or of demons, angels, men and animals instead of or above the worship of The true God.*

**God`s 2nd Commandment on idolatry:*

Exodus 20:3-5a (AMP) ³ “You shall have no other gods before or besides Me. ⁴ “You shall not make for yourself any idol, or any likeness in any form or manifestation of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth as an object to worship. ⁵ You shall not worship them nor serve them; for I, The Lord your God, am a jealous God demanding what is rightfully and uniquely mine.

**God`s warning of idolatry:*

Deuteronomy 30:17-18 (AMP) ¹⁷ if your heart turns away and you will not hear *and* obey, but are drawn away and worship other gods and serve them, ¹⁸ I The

Lord God declare to you today that you will certainly perish. You will not live long in the land which you cross the Jordan to enter and possess.

**Practical application:*

1 Corinthians 10:14 (AMP) ¹⁴ Therefore, my beloved, run/flee and keep running from any sort of idolatry, loving anything more than God, or participating in anything that leads to sin and enslaves the soul.

Sorcery: *Strong's Concordance - pharmakeia: Definition: the use of medicine, drugs, potions, poisons or spells in the idolatrous practices of sorcery and witchcraft to bring about the enlistment of supernatural agencies of darkness and evil spirits.*

**God`s warning on sorcery;*

Deuteronomy 18:10-12a (NKJV) ¹⁰ There shall not be found among you *anyone* who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, *or one who practices* witchcraft, *or a soothsayer, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer,* ¹¹ *or one who conjures spells, or a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead.* ¹² For all who do these things *are* an abomination to the LORD.

**Punishment for habitually practicing sorcery/idolatry:*

Revelation 21:8 (NKJV)⁸ But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.”

**Practical application:*

Leviticus 19:26 (HCSB) You are not to eat anything with blood in it. You are not to practice divination or sorcery.

Leviticus 19:31(NKJV) ³¹ ‘Give no regard to mediums and familiar spirits; do not seek after them, to be defiled by them: I am the LORD your God.

Hatred: *Hate that is rooted in and springs forth from anger, rebellion, bitterness, resentment, despisement, envy, jealousy, hostility, animosity, disgust, malice, enmity, or unforgiveness towards persons or things or ideas. hatred is the opposite of love.*

1 John 4:20 (NKJV)²⁰ If someone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen?

1 John 2:11 (NKJV) ¹¹ But he who hates his brother is in darkness and walks in darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

1 John 3:15 (NKJV) ¹⁵ Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

**God`s corrective instruction on hatred:*

Matthew 5:43-44 (NKJV) ⁴³ “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ ⁴⁴ But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you.

**Practical application:*

Ephesians 4:31 (ISV) ³¹ Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, quarreling, and slander be put away from you, along with all hatred.

**If your going to hate, hate what God hates; Proverbs 6:16-19, Psalms 11:5, Psalms 5:5, Psalms 119:104, Psalms 119:13, Psalms 119:1*

Contention: *a violent effort to obtain something, or to resist a person, claim or injury; Strife; struggle; rivalry; wrangling; quarrel; combat; opposition; discord; conflict; dissention; lack of agreement; contest;*

**God`s warning on contentions:*

2 Timothy 2:23(AMP) But have nothing to do with foolish and ignorant speculations useless disputes over unedifying, stupid controversies, since you know that they produce strife/contentions *and give birth to quarrels*.

Titus 3:9 (KJV) ⁹ But avoid foolish questions, and genealogies, and contentions, and strivings about the law or *anything*; for they are unprofitable and vain.

**The root cause of contention:*

Proverbs 13:10 (KJV) ¹⁰ Only by pride cometh contention: but with the well advised is wisdom.

Proverbs 10:12 (AMP) ¹² Hatred stirs up contentions, but love covers all transgressions.

**God`s word identifies those who operate with contention*

Proverbs 18:6 (KJV) ⁶ A fool's lips enter into contention, and his mouth calleth for strokes.

Proverbs 23:29-30 (NKJV) ²⁹ Who has woe? Who has sorrow? Who has contentions?
Who has complaints? Who has wounds without cause? Who has redness of eyes?
³⁰ Those who linger long at the wine, Those who go in search of mixed wine.

**Instruction/practical application*

Proverbs 17:14 (AMP) ¹⁴ The beginning of strife is as when water first trickles from a crack in a dam; therefore stop contention before it becomes worse *and* quarreling breaks out.

Proverbs 22:10 (NKJV) ¹⁰ Cast out the scoffer, and contention will leave; Yes, strife and reproach will cease.

Proverbs 26:20 (NKJV) ²⁰ For lack of wood the fire goes out, And where there is no whisperer who gossips, contention quiets down.

Jealousy(ies): *A strong feeling of possessiveness, often caused by the possibility that something which belongs, or ought to belong, to one is about to be taken away. Suspicious; apprehensive of rivalry; uneasy through fear that another has withdrawn or may withdraw from one the affections of a person he loves, or enjoy some good which he desires to obtain; followed by of, and applied both to the object of love and to the rival. Suspicious that we do not enjoy the affection or respect of others, or that another is more loved and respected than ourselves. Emulous; full of competition.*

**The roots and results of jealousy:*

James 3:14-16 (AMP) ¹⁴ But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be arrogant, and [as a result] be in defiance of the truth. ¹⁵ This [superficial] wisdom is not that which comes down from above, but is earthly (secular), natural (unspiritual), *even* demonic. ¹⁶ For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder [unrest, rebellion] and every evil thing *and* morally degrading practice.

**Some results of jealousy:*

Job 5:2 (AMP)² “For anger slays the foolish man, And jealousy kills the simple (naive).

Proverbs 14:30(EXB) ³⁰ Peace of mind; A healthy mind/heart, means a healthy body, but jealousy will rot your bones.

Proverbs 27:4 (NLT) ⁴ Anger is cruel, and wrath is like a flood, but jealousy is even more dangerous.

**God`s instruction on jealousy:*

Romans 13:13-14 (AMP) ¹³ Let us conduct ourselves properly *and* honorably as in the light of day, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual promiscuity and irresponsibility, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ But clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for nor even think about gratifying the flesh in regard to its improper desires.

Wrath: *a strong excessive, vengeful resentment linked closely to anger. an outburst of anger, extreme anger, fierce anger, Violent anger; rage; fury.*

**God`s warning on wrath:*

James 1:19-20 (NKJV) ¹⁹ So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; ²⁰ for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God.

**God`s instruction on wrath:*

Ephesians 4:30-31 (NKJV) ³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹ Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice.

Practical application:

Psalms 37:8 (AMP) ⁸ Cease from anger and abandon wrath; Do not fret; *it leads only to evil.*

Selfish Ambitions/ambitious: *The opposite of God`s will and desire. Proud, vain, arrogant, unholy, without self-control, filled with conceit. The opposite of serving the needs of others. Self centered ambitions that are focused on you and your wants and desires. Ambitions centered on what you can get from a person, place, thing, or situation. Selfish ambition thinks of your needs, wants, and desires above others and God.*

**God`s warning on selfish ambition:*

Romans 2:8 (AMP) ⁸ But for those who are selfishly ambitious *and* self-seeking and disobedient to the truth but responsive to wickedness, [there will be] wrath and indignation.

Philippians 2:3-4 (NKJV) ³ Let nothing *be done* through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. ⁴ Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

James 3:16 (AMP) ¹⁶ For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder [unrest, rebellion] and every evil thing *and* morally degrading practice.

**Jesus The ultimate example of selfless ambition:*

Philippians 2:5-8 (NKJV) ⁵ Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus ⁶ who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God ⁷ but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to *the point of death, even the death of the cross.*

**Jesus Christ`s instruction/practical application to those who follow Him:*

Matthew (16:24 AMP) ²⁴ Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone wishes to follow Me as My disciple, he must deny himself set aside selfish interests, and take up his cross expressing a willingness to endure whatever may come and follow Me believing in Me, conforming to My example in living and, if need be, suffering or perhaps dying because of faith in Me.

Dissensions/division: *to be divided into opposing parts, to be at variance. A strong disagreement in sentiment or opinion, usually a disagreement which leads to strife and discord that is violent, producing hot debates or angry words. A selfish dividing force that doesn't seek resolution or reconciliation.*

**God`s warning on dissention/division, and the motive behind it*

Jude 18-19 (AMP) ¹⁸ They told you beforehand, In the last days; the end times, there will be scoffers who seek to gratify their own unholy desires, following after their own ungodly passions. ¹⁹ These are the ones who are agitators causing dissensions/divisions; worldly-minded, secular, unspiritual, carnal, merely sensual, unsaved, devoid of the Spirit.

**God`s instruction to avoid those who cause dissention/division:*

Romans 16:17 (NKJV) ¹⁷ Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them.

**God`s instruction to the church:*

1 Corinthians 1:10 (NKJV) ¹⁰ Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions/dissentions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

Heresies: *A gross and dangerous error, held and factiously maintained by a person or persons within the church, in opposition to some chief or substantial truth or truths grounded upon and drawn from the holy Scriptures. An erroneous and damaging doctrine, one that denies or distorts an essential element of the Gospel. Self-chosen doctrines that do not originate from God and puts one's salvation in jeopardy.*

**God`s warning on past and present heresies, and the impending judgement:*

2 Peter 2:1- 2 (NKJV) But there were (*in the past*) also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you (*presently*), who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, **and bring on themselves swift destruction.** ² **And many will follow their destructive ways,** because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed.

**God`s practical instruction to come against heresy:*

1 John 4:1(AMP) Beloved, **do not believe every spirit speaking through a self-proclaimed prophet; instead test the spirits to see whether they are from God,** because many false prophets *and* teachers have gone out into the world.

2 Timothy 2:15 (AMP) ¹⁵ **Study and be eager and do your utmost to present yourself to God approved (tested by trial), a workman who has no cause to be ashamed, correctly analyzing and accurately dividing rightly handling and skillfully teaching the Word of Truth.**

Titus 1:9 (AMP) ⁹ He must **hold firmly to the trustworthy Word of God as it was taught to him, so that he will be able both to give accurate instruction in sound error-free doctrine and to refute; prove wrong those who contradict it by explaining their error.**

Ephesians 4:14-15 (NKJV)¹⁴ **that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine of false teaching,** by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, ¹⁵ but **instead,** speaking the truth in love, we may grow up in all things into Him who is the head Christ.

**Practical application:*

1 Peter 3:15 (NKJV)¹⁵ But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and **always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;**

Envy: painful or resentful awareness of an advantage enjoyed by another joined with a desire to *possess the same advantage.* becoming bitter (sour) because of another person's success. Springing forth *from pride, jealousy ambition or love, mortified that another has obtained what one has a strong desire to possess. pain felt and malignity conceived at the sight of excellence or happiness. It means not just wanting what another person has, but also resenting that person for having it. It is an attitude of ill-will that leads to division and strife and even murder. Not able to bear seeing the prosperity of others, because we ourselves feel continually wretched.*

**God`s warning regarding envy:*

Proverbs 14:30 (NKJV) ³⁰ A sound heart *is* life to the body, **But envy is rottenness to the bones.**

James 3:16 (NKJV) ¹⁶ For where envy and self-seeking *exist*, confusion and every evil thing *are* there.

**God`s corrective instruction regarding envy:*

Proverbs 23:17-18(AMP) ¹⁷ Do not let your heart envy sinners who live godless lives and have no hope of salvation, But continue to live in the reverent, worshipful fear of the LORD day by day. ¹⁸ Surely there is a future and a reward, And your hope *and* expectation will not be cut off.

Proverbs 24:1(NKJV) Do not be envious of evil men, Nor desire to be with them;

Proverbs 3:31 (NKJV) ³¹ Do not envy the oppressor, And choose none of his ways. ³² For the perverse *person is* an abomination to the LORD, But The Lord`s secret counsel *is* with the upright.

Galatians 5:25-26 (NKJV) ²⁵ If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. ²⁶ Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

**Practical application:*

1 Peter 2:1-3 (NKJV) Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking, ² as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby, ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord *is* gracious.

Romans 13:13 (NKJV) ¹³ Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy.

1 Timothy 6:6-8 (NKJV) ⁶ But godliness with contentment is great gain. ⁷ For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. ⁸ But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that.

Murder: *The act of unlawfully killing a human being with intentional premeditated malice, by a person of sound mind; unjustified homicide. The act of willful deliberate killing. To destroy, slay; to put an end to. Taking away and destroying of life.*

**God`s 6th commandment:*

Exodus 20:13 (NKJV) ¹³ “You shall not murder.

1 John 3:15 (NKJV) ¹⁵ Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

Matthew 5:21-22 (MSG) ²¹ “You`re familiar with the command to the ancients, ‘Do not murder.’ I`m telling you that anyone who is so much as angry with a brother or sister is guilty of murder.

**If you have anger and hate in your heart towards anyone you are considered a child of the devil:*

John 8:44 (NKJV) ⁴⁴ You are of *your* father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him.

**God`s judgement in regards to murder:*

Leviticus 24:17 (NKJV) ¹⁷ ‘Whoever kills any man shall surely be put to death.

Revelation 21:8 (NKJV) ⁸ But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.”

Revelation 21:8 (NKJV) ⁸ But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.”

Drunkness: *The condition of a person deprived of the use of reason or the control of his faculties by the consumption of alcohol or by means of some other intoxicating substance. habitual Intoxication; inebriation; a state in which a person is overwhelmed or overpowered with spirituous liquors, so that his reason is disordered, and he reels or staggers in walking. Drunkness renders some persons stupid, others happy, others sullen, others furious. A state of dizziness, headaches, and vomiting resulting from drinking alcoholic beverages.*

**God`s warning on drunkenness:*

Luke 21:34(NKJV) ³⁴ “But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly.

1 Corinthians 6:9-10 (NKJV) ⁹ Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, ¹⁰ nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.

1 Corinthians 5:11 (NKJV) ¹¹ But now I have written to you not to keep company with anyone named a brother, who is sexually immoral, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or an extortioner, not even to eat with such a person.

1 Thessalonians 5:6-8 (NKJV) ⁶ Therefore let us not sleep, as others *do*, but let us watch and be sober. ⁷ For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. ⁸ But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and *as* a helmet the hope of salvation.

Titus 2:2 (NKJV) ² that the older men be sober, reverent, temperate, sound in faith, in love, in patience;

Titus 2:6 (NKJV) ⁶ Likewise, exhort the young men to be sober-minded,

Practical application following Jesus Christ example:

Titus 2:11-14 (NKJV) ¹¹ For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, ¹² teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, ¹³ looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, ¹⁴ who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself *His* own special people, zealous for good works.

Revelries: *noisy or unrestrained merrymaking, wild and noisy celebration. partying, spree, debauchery, "letting loose" or "going wild" riotous, lustful indulgence, out of control lewd, immoral behavior, "excessive and boisterous intemperance, carousing, drinking parties, orgies, gluttonous eating and drinking and sexual immorality.*

**We have wasted enough of our past indulging our flesh*

1 Peter 4:3 (AMP) ³ For the time that is past already suffices for doing what the Gentiles like to do, living as you have done in shameless, insolent wantonness, in lustful desires, drunkenness, reveling, drinking bouts *and* abominable, lawless idolatries.

**Time is growing short:*

1 Peter 4:7 (ESV) The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers.

**The sober minded thinking we need to follow:*

1 pet 4:1-3 (AMP) Therefore, since Christ suffered in the flesh and died for us, arm yourselves with the same purpose; being willing to suffer for doing what is right and pleasing God, because whoever has suffered in the flesh ;being like-minded with Christ is done with intentional sin having stopped pleasing the flesh, ² so that he can no longer spend the rest of his natural life living for human appetites *and* desires, but lives for the will *and* purpose of God.

1 Peter 5:8 (AMP) ⁸ Be sober well balanced and self-disciplined, be alert and cautious at all times. That enemy of yours, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion fiercely hungry, seeking someone to devour.

