

The Fifteen Locks

Come, walk inside the temple, find the inner chamber. Come closer to prepare for the wedding feast as the time is at hand for my bride to be adorned in her finery. She will catch my eye by the shining of her soul, the lightness of her laughter, the music composed by her heart in union with mine.

The way to primp and preen is inside the temple where a mirror behind a velvet curtain awaits. Move aside this curtain, part it as I once did. Stand before the mirror and look deeply at my love. This is my bride whom you see here, within her I have buried my most valuable treasure. She does not know who she is, but she is beginning to remember. She needs only to move her lips and speak her new name into existence, but she cannot see me past the skin she wants to glow and the hair she wants to shine and the teeth she wants to whiten. How is it that my love cannot bare to stare at me in this mirror; how is it that she cannot see I AM in her. How is it that she can turn away once her lips are red and her eyes are drawn upon, as if she has completed her time with me simply by fixing the outside to her liking?

My beloved, tell my beloved that when she looks into this mirror our hearts unite. Tell her there will be no fear or condemnation in her reflection when she can truly look upon it and awaken into our long gazing embrace.

Luke 17:21- *Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.*

1 Cor 6:19 - *Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?*

Part of going deeper in meditation and prayer, is looking WITHIN and seeking any bit of darkness that remains inside, and inviting in the light of Christ Jesus. Being myself a follower of Christ since 2003, I've noticed that many people who claim to be followers of our Father are not truly joined in union with his will for his beloved, nor walking in his commands. How was it that I came to notice this? I saw the darkness in myself when I looked within, and I experienced the greatest healing of all when I faced it through the strength and love from God.

Over a decade ago I was told after I said the "salvation prayer" at my local church that I was saved. This false concept was followed by my own wicked nature (which had never left me despite my collection of doctrine). I thought, "since I said the salvation prayer, I can go to church on Sunday for the rest of my life and be just fine on the day I die." I proceeded to ignore the Lord every time he spoke to my heart, because often what he would tell me was NOT what my church was telling me. When I gained the courage to approach the pastor of my church about what I felt I was hearing from the Lord, I was told I was being deceived by devils. That cured me of wanting to listen to the "still small voice" for a few years, which were the darkest years of my life. I attended church every weekend and knew all the right jargon to fit right in, but I felt alone and still hungry for something deeper.

The doctrines of men have taught division, fear, and strife, telling us that their set of dogmas are the only way to salvation. We are taught to seek God in churches built by the hands of men, to read scriptures based on a fixed set of rules known as "doctrine," and to uphold above all else a God

of wrath towards all nonbelievers and sinners. There is no reason for us to fall under this deception, because we have the Holy Spirit within us and scriptures to teach us the righteous and narrow path back home. Unfortunately, because many listen to the doctrines of man, and not to the teachings of our Lord, his commands have been put behind the men and women who seek to fulfill their own works.

The Lord put it on my heart to bring you an in-depth study about his ways in regards to inheriting the kingdom we all seek. I'll present all of these things to you to take into much deeper meditations with the Lord, where he will show you all things which were hidden.

Matthew 13:11 - He answered and said to them, Because it is given to you to know the **mysteries** of the Kingdom of Heaven, but to them it is not given.

We begin our study in Gal 5:16-26. Join me there right now in another browser.
<http://biblehub.com/text/galatians/5-16.htm>

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. 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. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

For the sake of brevity once again, I am going to invite you all to go word by word through the entire passage yourselves, but for the sake of this study I want to focus upon the works of the flesh VS the fruits of the spirit. This PDF will cover the 15 "locks" that prevent us from entering the Kingdom of God that is within. **Remember, if you do not know where the lock is then the key itself does no good!** The next PDF will uncover the "keys" to these locks.

We are going to go word by word through every work of the flesh mentioned in Gal 5:19-5:20. I strongly urge you to print out or write down the meaning of every one of these works so that you can take them with you when you go inside to face the mirror. Our Heavenly Husband will take all these works which weigh heavily upon your hearts and turn them into pure light with the love of his gaze.

WORKS OF THE FLESH: 15 Locks

5:19

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◀ Galatians 5:19 ▶

Text Analysis

Strong's	Transliteration	Greek	English	Morphology
5318 [e]	phanera	φανερὰ	Evident	Adj-NNP
1161 [e]	de	δέ	moreover	Conj
1510 [e]	estin	ἐστίν	are	V-PIA-3S
3588 [e]	ta	τὰ	the	Art-NNP
2041 [e]	erga	ἔργα	works	N-NNP
3588 [e]	tēs	τῆς	of the	Art-GFS
4561 [e]	sarkos	σαρκός,	flesh,	N-GFS
3748 [e]	hatina	ἃτινά	which	RelPro-NNP
1510 [e]	estin	ἐστίν	are	V-PIA-3S
4202 [e]	porneia	πορνεία,	sexual immorality,	N-NFS
167 [e]	akatharsia	ἀκαθαρσία,	impurity,	N-NFS
766 [e]	aselgeia	ἀσέλγεια,	sensuality,	N-NFS

◀ Galatians 5:20 ▶

Text Analysis

Strong's	Transliteration	Greek	English	Morphology
1495 [e]	eidōlōlatrīa	εἰδωλολατρία*,	idolatry,	N-NFS
5331 [e]	pharmakeia	φαρμακεία,	sorcery,	N-NFS
2189 [e]	echthrai	ἔχθραι,	enmities,	N-NFP
2054 [e]	eris	ἔρις,	strife,	N-NFS
2205 [e]	zēlos	ζῆλος,	jealousy,	N-NMS
2372 [e]	thymoi	θυμοί,	fits of rage,	N-NMP
2052 [e]	eritheiai	ἐριθειᾶι,	contentions,	N-NFP
1370 [e]	dichostasiai	διχοστασίαι,	dissensions,	N-NFP
139 [e]	haireseis	αἰρέσεις,	factions,	N-NFP



5:21



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Commentary

Galatians 5:21

Text Analysis

Strong's	Transliteration	Greek	English
5355 [e]	phthonoi	φθόνοι,	envyings,
3178 [e]	methai	μέθαι,	drunkennesses,
2970 [e]	kōmoi	κῶμοι,	carousing,
2532 [e]	kai	καὶ	and
3588 [e]	ta	τὰ	things
3664 [e]	homoia	ὅμοια	like
3778 [e]	toutois	τούτοις,	these,
3739 [e]	ha	ἃ	as to which
4302 [e]	prolegō	προλέγω	I forewarn
4771 [e]	hymīn	ὑμῖν	you,
2531 [e]	kathōs	καθὼς	even as
4302 [e]	proeipon	προεῖπον	I warned before,
3754 [e]	hoti	ὅτι	that
3588 [e]	hoi	οἱ	those
3588 [e]	ta	τὰ	such
5108 [e]	toiauta	τοιαῦτα	things
4238 [e]	prassontes	πράσσοντες	doing,
932 [e]	basileian	βασιλείαν	kingdom
2316 [e]	Theou	Θεοῦ	God's
3756 [e]	ou	οὐ	not
2816 [e]	klēronomēsousin	κληρονομήσουσιν.	will inherit.

Anything and anyone which has a shape and a form cannot be a substitute for our first love. The one true God must be found within you first before you will ever see him outside of you. Therefore you cannot truly love the world, your neighbor, or yourself until you have found the source of that love which dwells within you. No longer "selling off" your body is only a starting point with this word, I say to you instead, do not commit fornication in your spirit with anything that can be seen by your two fleshly eyes. No matter how lovely the form may be, it is not one iota as lovely as that very first kiss from your beloved. The kiss comes to you on the very day you reject images and objects for lustly fulfilment and seek your first love within the chamber.

Solomon 1:4 - Draw me, we will run after thee: the king hath brought me into his chambers: we will be glad and rejoice in thee, we will remember thy love more than wine: the upright love thee.

Gospel of Thomas:

[We] are reborn by the Christ two by two. In his Breath, we experience a new embrace; we are no longer in duality, but in unity.

All will be clothed in light when they enter into the mystery of the sacred embrace.

What is the bridal chamber, if not the place of trust and consciousness in the embrace? It is an icon of Union, beyond all forms of possession; here is where the veil is torn from top to bottom; here is where some arise and awaken.

Meditation: Have I truly looked within and united with the ever present Spirit of my beloved, or am I still giving myself away to the world outside?

Challenge: I bring into attention each habit I maintain, bringing into light all the ways I get my needs met outside of union with my beloved.

Next we have the fleshly work of *akathartos*.

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◀ 169. akathartos ▶

Strong's Concordance

akathartos: unclean, impure
Original Word: ἀκάθαρτος, ον
Part of Speech: Adjective
Transliteration: akathartos
Phonetic Spelling: (ak-ath'-ar-tos)
Short Definition: unclean, impure
Definition: unclean, impure.

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169 *akáthartos* (an adjective, derived from **1** /A "not" and **2513** /*katharós*, "clean, purged") – properly, *not pure* (because *mixed*), i.e. adulterated with "a wrong mix" and hence "*unclean*" (because tainted by sin).
[The antonym, **2508** /*kathairō* ("clean"), means "free from wrong mixture" (*unadulterated, unmixed*).]

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Strong's Greek 169
32 Occurrences

ἀκάθαρτα — 6 Occ.
ἀκαθάρτω — 5 Occ.
ἀκαθάρτων — 4 Occ.
ἀκαθάρτοις — 2 Occ.
ἀκάθαρτον — 9 Occ.
ἀκάθαρτος — 1 Occ.
ἀκαθάρτου — 5 Occ.

Matthew 10:1 Adj-GNP
GRK: ἐξουσίαν πνευμάτων ἀκαθάρτων ὥστε ἐκβάλλειν
NAS: them authority *over unclean* spirits,
KJV: power [*against*] *unclean* spirits,
INT: authority over spirits *unclean* so as to cast out

Matthew 12:43 Adj-NNS
GRK: δὲ τὸ ἀκάθαρτον πνεῦμα ἐξέληθι
NAS: Now when *the unclean* spirit goes
KJV: When *the unclean* spirit is gone
INT: moreover the *unclean* spirit is gone out

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Just like porneia, we see that the deeper meaning of this word is evidenced in the spirit. Certainly we are unclean when our bodies are not bathed, but this is speaking once more about the impurities in our spirit. Why should we remain in an unclean spirit when his soothing waters are the perfect temperature to immerse ourselves in? The bath has been drawn; it is pure light. Step into the light that awaits you, and show everything to your beloved.

1 John 1:9 - *If we acknowledge our faults, he is faithful and impartial to release us of our guilt, and to cleanse us from all hurts.*

Meditation: Is there anything I have done in darkness that I can bring into the light? What deed should I fear facing within myself when Christ is able to rectify it in full?

Challenge: I freely show myself to my beloved in every moment, knowing the gentle nature of the One who shines light upon darkness.

Next we have the fleshly act of *aselgeia*, which oddly was translated, "sensuality" when it actually means *brutality*:

◀ 766. aselgeia ▶

Strong's Concordance

aselgeia: licentiousness, wantonness

Original Word: ἀσελγεία, ας, ἡ

Part of Speech: Noun, Feminine

Transliteration: aselgeia

Phonetic Spelling: (as-elg'-i-a)

Short Definition: wantonness, lewdness

Definition: (outrageous conduct, conduct shocking to public decency, a wanton violence), wantonness, lewdness.

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766 *asélgeia* (from *aselgēs*/"brutal") – properly, *violent spite* which *rejects restraint* and indulges in lawless insolence (wanton caprice).

[This is likewise the meaning of **766** /*asélgeia* in classical Greek (*WS*, 110).]

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I used to scratch my head at the idea of sensuality being a sin. We see here that *aselgeia* means brutality, and is directly from the root word *aselges*, meaning "brutal". This is a violent spitefulness which rejects the gracious restraint that arises from within as a voice of reason. Once upon a time we were all teenagers and made a practice of this act, though again the deeper meaning is found in meditation upon this quality which is within each of us. Not only can we harbor thoughts of brutality towards others, but also towards ourselves.

Meditation: Am I experiencing or acting out on any offense towards myself, another person, or an external circumstance?

Challenge: Through union with my Heavenly Father, it is possible for me to seek his restraint by going within. I can seek counsel long before anger becomes evident of itself in my actions.

Next we have *eidololatria*.

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◀ 1495. eidólolatria ▶

Strong's Concordance

eidólolatria: image worship
Original Word: εἰδωλολατρεία, ας, ἡ
Part of Speech: Noun, Feminine
Transliteration: eidólolatria
Phonetic Spelling: (i-do-lol-at-ri'-ah)
Short Definition: worship or service of an image
Definition: service (worship) of an image (an idol).

Englishman's Concordance

Strong's Greek 1495
4 Occurrences

εἰδωλολατρία — 2 Occ.
εἰδωλολατρίαις — 1 Occ.
εἰδωλολατρίας — 1 Occ.

1 Corinthians 10:14 N-GFS
GRK: ἀπὸ τῆς εἰδωλολατρίας
NAS: my beloved, flee *from idolatry*.
KJV: flee from *idolatry*.
INT: from *idolatry*

Galatians 5:20 N-NFS
GRK: εἰδωλολατρία φαρμακεία
NAS: *idolatry*, sorcery, enmities,
KJV: *idolatry*, witchcraft, hatred,
INT: *idolatry* sorcery enmities

Colossians 3:5 N-NFS
GRK: ἧτις ἐστὶν εἰδωλολατρία
NAS: *idolatry*, sorcery, enmities,
KJV: *idolatry*, witchcraft, hatred,
INT: *idolatry* sorcery enmities

NAS Exhaustive Concordance

Word Origin

from [eidólon](#) and [latreia](#)

Definition

image worship

NASB Translation

idolatries (1), idolatry (3).

NAS Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible with Hebrew-Aramaic and Greek Dictionaries

Eidololatria is from two root words (as seen below), one being eido: "that which is seen" and latreia, "service, worship." God does not ask us to worshiping him in a church made with hands where we gather in the presence of others, but rather--all alone in the *temple*. If your only time spent with your beloved is in the presence of others, then you are inviting the outside world to peek into your bridal chamber. You are missing his full outpouring of love and practicing this work of the flesh.

Meditation: Where do I go to worship the Lord? What place in the world is there for me to unite with my beloved than the temple which is inside of me?

Challenge: I know the stillness and the sacredness of being pulled close by the Lord, away from the outside world and directly united with Christ and all his fullness.

Next we have *pharmakeia* as a work of the flesh. Years ago I recall Tom Cruise getting into hot water for telling people they should not take any drugs, including all pharmaceutical drugs. We find that the word *pharmakeia* was translated as sorcery, leaving many modern-day religions fearing books like Harry Potter. Let us go deeper.

◀ 5331. pharmakeia ▶

Strong's Concordance

pharmakeia: the use of medicine, drugs or spells

Original Word: φαρμακεία, ας, ή

Part of Speech: Noun, Feminine

Transliteration: pharmakeia

Phonetic Spelling: (far-mak-i'-ah)

Short Definition: magic, sorcery, enchantment

Definition: magic, sorcery, enchantment.

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5331 *pharmakeia* (from *pharmakeuō*, "administer drugs") – properly, drug-related sorcery, like the practice of magical-arts, etc. (A. T. Robertson).

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NAS Exhaustive Concordance

Word Origin

from pharmakeuó (to administer drugs)

Definition

the use of medicine, drugs or spells

NASB Translation

sorceries (1), sorcery (2).

Englishman's Concordance

Strong's Greek 5331
2 Occurrences

φαρμακεία — 2 Occ.

Galatians 5:20 N-NFS
GRK: ειδωλολατρία φαρμ
NAS: idolatry, *sorcery*, enmities,
KJV: Idolatry, *witchcraft*, hatred,
INT: idolatry *sorcery* enmities str

Revelation 18:23 N-DFS
GRK: ἐν τῇ φαρμακείᾳ σο
NAS: were deceived *by your sor*
KJV: by thy *sorceries* were all
INT: by the *sorcery* of you were r

2 Occurrences

As you see, I highlighted the meaning of this word above in gray: the use of medicine. This word is used as "sorcery" also in Revelation (for a future study). While I am a firm believer that we are not in need of medicine to cure us when we ail (our Lord has that covered) many people would become upset by this notion. Isn't it funny how we find the doctrines of men only taking literally the things which suit their tastes?

Going deeper with this scripture is the only way to find the greater meaning. Do you have to put anything into your body in order to feel healed, whole, or free? Do you rely upon the concoctions of men to heal you, or do you turn to the great physician? Since this is a very delicate topic, please seek your beloved on this matter. However, I will leave you with this:

Twice in his biographies Jesus referred to himself as a "physician" or "doctor," once in the sense of "spiritual healer" and once in the sense of "physical healer." Those who opposed Jesus once attacked him for having unsavory characters such as tax collectors and "sinners" among his disciples. Jesus reminded them that "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners." (Mark 2:17). When Jesus gave his first sermon in his hometown synagogue of Nazareth, he anticipated the possessive nature of the crowd when he challenged them: "Surely you will quote this proverb to me: 'Physician, heal yourself! Do here in your hometown what we have heard that you did in Capernaum.'" (Luke 4:23)

Meditation: What sources do I seek for healing, strength, and vitality? Are those sources higher or more powerful than God?

Challenge: The one who dwells within me is fully capable to repair his temple the moment I

accept that he is both able and willing to do so.

Next we have *echthra*: enmity, alienation, hostility.

◀ 2189. echthra

Strong's Concordance

echthra: enmity, hostility

Original Word: ἔχθρα, ας, ῆ

Part of Speech: Noun, Feminine

Transliteration: echthra

Phonetic Spelling: (ekh'-thrah)

Short Definition: enmity, hostility

Definition: enmity, hostility, alienation.

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Cognate: 2189 *éxthra* – properly, enemy (hatred, hostility); enmity. See 2190 (*exthros*).

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We have all had times where we felt alienated from the rest of humanity, or when we had hostility towards ourselves or another human being. This stems from being in enmity with our creator first and foremost. Unless we have made union with him, we will forever feel that there are "enemies" or "them and us" or "me against that person." To the Lord, there is never a "good" reason to practice hostility, because it is an evidence that we still remain in the flesh.

Meditation: Who and what have I made my enemy? Is there hostility within that prevents me from entering into everlasting union?

Challenge: The I AM gives me an indescribable connection to all parts of totality through love. The love of Christ pervades and dissolves all imagined separation.

Next we have *eris*, translated as *strife*.

◀ 2054. eris ▶

Strong's Concordance

eris: strife

Original Word: ἔρις, ἰδος, ἦ

Part of Speech: Noun, Feminine

Transliteration: eris

Phonetic Spelling: (er'-is)

Short Definition: contention, strife

Definition: contention, strife, wrangling.

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2054 *éris* (a primitive word, *NAS* dictionary) – literally quarrel, strife; properly, a readiness to quarrel (having a *contentious* spirit), affection for dispute.

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Strong's Greek 2054

9 Occurrences

ἔρεις — 1 Occ.

ἔριδες — 1 Occ.

ἔριδι — 1 Occ.

ἔριδος — 1 Occ.

ἔριν — 1 Occ.

ἔρις — 4 Occ.

Romans 1:29 N-GFS

GRK: φθόνου φόνου ἔριδος δόλου κακοηθείας

NAS: murder, *strife*, deceit,

KJV: murder, *debate*, deceit,

INT: of envy murder *strife* deceit malice

Romans 13:13 N-DFS

One of the first gifts we receive when going within to seek the Lord is the ability to see clearly the futility of disputes, quarrels, and disagreements. The soul becomes in surrender under one divine authority, and sees no need to defend itself or to consider itself outside of the whole. Our love for Christ leads us into peace and unity with all mankind so that we can resolve all conflicts simply by reflecting on the deep source of peace we have inside through the Holy Spirit.

Meditation: Have I surrendered all my conflicts and strife completely to the highest court and the most eligible authority? What strife will I take in place of love?

Challenge: There no longer a need or desire for disputes because my heart is assured that all will be revealed, all wrongs made right. My spirit only desires this same peace for all who do not yet have it.

Now let's look at *zelos*, translated as *jealousy*.

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◀ 2205. *zelos* ▶

Strong's Concordance

zelos: eagerness, zeal, rivalry

Original Word: ζήλος, ου, ό

Part of Speech: Noun, Masculine; Noun, Neuter

Transliteration: *zelos*

Phonetic Spelling: (dzay'-los)

Short Definition: eagerness, zeal, rivalry

Definition: (a) eagerness, zeal, enthusiasm, (b) jealousy, rivalry.

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2205 *zēlos* (an onomatopoeic term that mimics the sound of water bubbling over from heat and perhaps derived from 2204 /*zēō*, "to boil") – properly, burning emotion (inner feeling boiling over, "boiling from heat," J. Thayer); (figuratively) something very *fervent* ("red-hot") as with Spirit-fueled zeal to *serve the Lord*. This root (*zē-*) is used both negatively ("jealousy") and positively ("zeal") depending on the context.

[The root (*zē-*, "zeal") literally means "hot enough to boil." It is metaphorically used of "burning anger, love, zeal" (A-S) – i.e. *to burn (in spirit)*. It can refer to "*boiling anger, love, zeal, for what is good or bad*" (J. Thayer).]

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Englishman's Concordance

Strong's Greek 2205

16 Occurrences

ζήλω — 2 Occ.

ζήλον — 4 Occ.

ζήλος — 8 Occ.

ζήλου — 2 Occ.

John 2:17 N-NMS

GRK: ἐστίν Ὁ ζήλος τοῦ οἴκου

NAS: that it was written, **ZEAL** FOR YOUR HOUSE

KJV: written, *The zeal* of thine

INT: it is The **zeal** of the house

Acts 5:17 N-GMS

GRK: Σαδδουκαίων ἐπλήσθησαν ζήλου

NAS: and they were filled *with jealousy*,

KJV: and were filled *with indignation*,

INT: Sadducees were filled *with jealousy*

Acts 13:45 N-GMS

GRK: ὄχλους ἐπλήσθησαν ζήλου καὶ ἀντέλεγον

This is such an important word to grasp, because it is a fleshly work that hides itself very easily in pleasing attributes such as eagerness and enthusiasm, which in and of itself is an excellent quality. The word *zelos* literally means, "hot enough to boil." We see this in people who are so convinced of their opinions that they become zealots, hot under the collar, all steamed up for what they consider either good or bad.

Surely you've heard those still on the milk of the word bring forth ranting speeches in the name of the Holy Spirit when in fact the Holy Spirit is pure love from a place deep within that speaks to the heart first and the mouth second. Yet for our task, it's more important to recognize this quality in ourselves rather than to point a finger at others. Take this word into your chamber and gather up all the things which cause you to boil. When the Lord puts his hands out, you can give them all over to him, knowing your rivals are in the best hands possible.

Meditation: Do I know the difference between enthusiasm to please my beloved and the zeal to justify myself?

Challenge: I find all the desires of my heart while in union with Christ. I clearly see that boiling in rivalry only depletes and weakens my connection to his Spirit.

Next we have *thumos*, translated as *fits of rage*.

◀ 2372. thumos ▶	
Strong's Concordance thumos: passion Original Word: θυμός, οὔ, ό Part of Speech: Noun, Masculine Transliteration: thumos Phonetic Spelling: (thoo-mos') Short Definition: an outburst of passion, wrath Definition: an outburst of passion, wrath.	English Strong's Greek 18 Occurrences θυμοί — 2 Occ θυμόν — 3 Occ θυμός — 3 Occ θυμοῦ — 10 Occ Luke 4:28 N- GRK: ἐπιλήθ NAS: were filled KJV: these things INT: were filled Acts 19:28 N GRK: γενόμε NAS: [this] an KJV: full of wrath INT: having been
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2372 <i>thymós</i> (from <i>thyō</i> , "rush along, getting heated up, breathing violently," cf. J. Thayer) – properly, <i>passion-driven</i> behavior, i.e. actions emerging out of <i>strong impulses</i> (intense emotion). When 2372 / <i>thymós</i> ("expressed passion") is used of people it indicates <i>rage</i> (personal venting of <i>anger</i> , worth). This flaw is completely absent of the Lord expressing (inspiring) <i>intense</i> anger. Accordingly, 2372 (<i>thymós</i>) is used of God's perfect, holy <i>wrath</i> in <i>Revelation</i> (Rev 14:10,19,15:1, etc.). This anger is directed <i>against</i> sin with intense <i>opposition</i> and <i>without sin</i> . [Only the Lord exercises <i>righteous wrath</i> , so we must depend solely on Him as we experience (express) anger.]	

I love that this word literally means "rush along." How true has this become of our modern society, with all the expectation to perform placed on each one of us through conformity with the world? When we are rushing along, breathing violently, our minds are focused solely on defeating the tasks or people who stand in the way to getting *what we want*. All the time I hear people say, "I just need to vent!" Notice above that the word indicates, "personal venting." We only feel this desire to vent when we have grievances that we have not taken into the light and turned over to higher power. The best spiritual lesson we can gain from this work of the flesh, is to take our wrath within where it can be transformed and refocused as an expressed passion towards our beloved.

Meditation: Can I bring my angry impulses inward and allow them to fall into the arms of my beloved instead of onto the ears of others?

Challenge: I can end the rushing with stillness, I can be filled with good passions in place of angry impulses.

Next we have *eritheia*, translated as *contentions*.

2052. eritheia

Strong's Concordance
eritheia: rivalry, hence ambition
Original Word: ἐριθεία, ας, ἡ
Part of Speech: Noun, Feminine
Transliteration: eritheia
Phonetic Spelling: (er-ith-i'-ah)
Short Definition: ambition, rivalry
Definition: (the seeking of followers and adherents by means of gifts, the seeking of followers, hence) ambition, rivalry, self-seeking; a feud, faction.

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2052 *eritheia* (from *eritheuō*, "work for hire") – properly, work done *merely for hire* (as a mercenary), referring therefore to *carnal ambition (selfish rivalry)*.
Ancient Greek uses **2052** /*eritheia* ("mercenary self-seeking") of acting for one's *own gain*, regardless of the discord (strife) it causes. **2052** /*eritheia* ("selfish ambition") places self-interest ahead of what *the Lord* declares right, or what is good for others.

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Strong's Greek 2052
7 Occurrences
ἐριθεία — 1 Occ.
ἐριθείαι — 2 Occ.
ἐριθειάν — 2 Occ.
ἐριθείας — 2 Occ.

Romans 2:8 N-GFS
GRK: δὲ ἐξ ἐριθείας καὶ ἀτιμωσίας
NAS: but to those *who are selfish*
INT: moreover of *self-interest* ar

2 Corinthians 12:20 N-NFP
GRK: ζῆλος θυμοὶ ἐριθεία
NAS: angry tempers, *disputes*,
KJV: wraths, *strifes*, backbitings
INT: jealousies anger *contention*

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Ambitions are of the flesh when done exclusively for money rather than for the fulfillment of spiritual gifts. When you take your personal gifts, ambitions, and passions within and show them all to Christ, you will be very pleased at how he not only blesses them, but amplifies them. This notion has been so perverted by the doctrines of man which teach us that being driven to earn money is excellent so long as some goes to the church in tithes or is given over to the "poor." This couldn't be further from the desires of our Heavenly Father, who bestowed each one of us with gifts and the genuine desire to give those gifts in service to others.

The modern workplace is filled with people who have yet to receive or acknowledge their gifts, settling in exchange for a job that affords them a desired lifestyle. When we go within, we are given treasures beyond anything in the earthly realm, which the Lord causes to rise up with strength and power. You should turn to the Lord and lay out your passions and desires before him. He is generous in amplifying your talents as you increase your spiritual efforts.

Meditation: Do I ultimately desire living a life which is fed through spiritual gifting from a place of join effort (between me and God) rather than from my own selfish undertakings?

Challenge: I lay all my abilities and desires before you, Lord. Raise up those which glorify you and infuse them with the light of my inheritance.

The next work of the flesh is an interesting one that I personally feel needs some additional light shed upon it. *Dichostasia*, translated as *dissension*:

1370

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◀ 1370. dichostasia ▶

Strong's Concordance

dichostasia: standing apart, dissension

Original Word: διχοστασία, ας, ή

Part of Speech: Noun, Feminine

Transliteration: dichostasia

Phonetic Spelling: (dee-khos-tas-ee'-ah)

Short Definition: division, dissension

Definition: division, dissension, standing apart.

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1370 *dichostasia* (from *dixa*, "separately" and *stásis*, "a standing, stance") – properly, separate-standings ("standing apart"), used of *divisions* which *wrongly* separate people into pointless (groundless) factions.

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2 Occurrences

διχοστασία — 1 Occ.

διχοστασίας — 1 Occ.

Romans 16:17 N-AFP

GRK: τοὺς τὰς **διχοστασίας** καὶ τὰ

NAS: who cause *dissensions* and hindranc

KJV: them which cause *divisions* and

INT: those who *divisions* and

Galatians 5:20 N-NFP

GRK: θυμοὶ ἐριθείαι **διχοστασία**ι ε

NAS: disputes, *dissensions*, factions,

KJV: wrath, strife, *seditions*, heresies,

INT: fits of rage contentions *dissentions* fac

2 Occurrences

It is the ancient equivalent of a word we use often today:

di·chot·o·my

/dīˈkɑtəmē/ ◀▶

noun

1. a division or contrast between two things that are or are represented as being opposed or entirely different.
"a rigid dichotomy between science and mysticism"
synonyms: contrast, difference, polarity, conflict; [More](#)

We see that the word means "separate stance." We have all observed this playing out in the churches of man, where there are over 41,000 different Christian denominations alone. Link to that here: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Christian_denominations

Each denomination is certain that their doctrine is the only way to salvation, and that everyone outside of that denomination is "separate". Religion comes from the Latin word *religionem* meaning "respect for what is sacred." Unfortunately, the ways of man are evident in the breaking apart of humanity by imagined divisions that do not exist anywhere that the "*respect for what is sacred*" is truly practiced. While these works are easily observed outwardly by those who know the Spirit, we must also seek out all causes of division within ourselves, looking always to open our arms to things we once held out as separate. Part of making the eye single as Jesus told us, is done by bringing the two eyes into ONE. Are you at odds with an idea, a person, or a past-present-future moment?

Mark 3:24 - *If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand.*

Meditation: What divisions do I hold that stand between my unity with Christ? Can I just let go?

Challenge: I ask the Lord to create within me a desire for unity where there was once duality. I am whole and my eye is single.

Next we have *haireisis*, translated as *factions*. This goes into enforcing the last word we just reviewed, clarifying once more that making division out of religious and philosophical differences is a work of the flesh. Remember, the Spirit unites all of mankind, yet all works of the flesh divide it. This is why our Lord told us to choose who our master will be.

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◀ 139. haireisis ▶

Strong's Concordance

haireisis: choice, opinion
Original Word: αἵρεσις, εως, ῆ
Part of Speech: Noun, Feminine
Transliteration: haireisis
Phonetic Spelling: (hah'-ee-res-is)
Short Definition: a self-chosen opinion, a sect
Definition: a self-chosen opinion, a religious or philosophical sect, discord or contention.

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139 *haireisis* (a feminine noun derived from **138** *hairéomai*, "personally select, choose") – properly, a *personal (decisive) choice*.

139 *haireisis* ("a strong, distinctive opinion") is used in the NT of individual "parties (sects)" that operated within Judaism. The term stresses the *personal aspect of choice* – and hence how being a Sadducee (Ac 5:17) was sharply distinguished from being a Pharisee (Ac 15:5; 26:5).

[As a feminine noun, **139** (*haireisis*) highlights the subjective (*individual*) nature of a *specific (divisive) opinion*.]

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Strong's Greek 139
9 Occurrences

αἵρέσεις — 3 Occ.
αἵρέσεως — 3 Occ.
αἵρεσιν — 2 Occ.
αἵρεσις — 1 Occ.

Acts 5:17 N-NFS
GRK: ἡ οὐσα αἵρεσις τῶν Σαδδου
NAS: his associates (*that is the sect* of th
KJV: is *the sect* of the Sadducees.)
INT: which is [the] *sect* of the Sadducees

Acts 15:5 N-GFS
GRK: ἀπὸ τῆς αἵρέσεως τῶν Φαρι
NAS: But some *of the sect* of the Pharise
KJV: of *the sect* of the Pharisees
INT: of the *sect* of the Pharisees

Acts 24:5 N-GFS
GRK: τῶν Ναζωραίων αἵρέσεως
NAS: and a ringleader *of the sect* of the I
KJV: a ringleader *of the sect* of the Nazari

I find it especially ironic that what the church called in times past "heresy" was precisely what they were doing themselves when deeming another man a "heretic." Hairesis is best defined (as above) "a strong opinion." By holding onto religious and philosophical opinions, we automatically reject any works of unity the Lord seeks to accomplish within us. This work of the flesh keeps us out of the kingdom.

Meditation: "Would I rather make my faith out of personal opinions rather than by the truth that was written in my heart?"

Challenge: I freely surrender my opinions when I go into the inner sanctuary, and I ask the Lord to transform my fleshly opinions into spiritual wisdom.

The next work of the flesh is *phthonos* translated as *envy*.

◀ 5355. phthonos ▶

Strong's Concordance

phthonos: envy

Original Word: φθόνος, ου, ὁ

Part of Speech: Noun, Masculine

Transliteration: phthonos

Phonetic Spelling: (fthon'-os)

Short Definition: envy, a grudge

Definition: envy, a grudge, spite.

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5355 *phthónos* (a primitive word, perhaps akin to **5351** /*phtheirō*, "decay, break-down, corrupt") – properly, strong feeling (desire) that *sours*, due to the influence of sin; (figuratively) the miserable trait of being *glad* when someone experiences misfortune or pain.

5355 /*phthónos* ("the feeling of *ill-will*") refers to the jealous envy that negatively "energizes" someone with an *embittered mind*. **5355** /*phthónos* ("ill-will") conveys "displeasure at another's good; . . . without longing to raise oneself to the level of him whom he envies, but only to *depress* the envied to his own level" (R. Trench, 90).

Englishman's Concordance

Strong's Greek 5355

9 Occurrences

φθόνῳ — 1 Occ.

φθόνοι — 1 Occ.

φθόνον — 4 Occ.

φθόνος — 1 Occ.

φθόνου — 1 Occ.

φθόνους — 1 Occ.

Matthew 27:18 N-AMS

GRK: ὅτι διὰ φθόνον

NAS: that because of *envy*

KJV: that for *envy* they had

INT: that through *envy* they

Mark 15:10 N-AMS

GRK: ὅτι διὰ φθόνον

The best way to define this word is through its root word: *phtheiro*, meaning *decay*. In the spirit it is quite obvious when ill-feelings towards a person, place, or even a given moment cause our quality of light to fade. In the flesh, however, it is common to "hold a grudge" for days and sometimes years without being aware of this tendency. The more ill-will we carry, the more our view of life becomes sour. This is the dust and the fingerprints that the Lord wants us to wipe away...small displeasures that have accumulated into bitterness. While we may feel justified and valid in our offenses towards other people or situations, the Lord teaches us that this prevents us from finding the kingdom within. Remember that when you hold onto an unresolved spitefulness you are only poisoning yourself. The Lord says we can drink poison and it will not harm us.

Mark 16:18 - *They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them;*

John 4:14 - *But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.*

Meditation: Is there any bitterness in my spirit, any good cause for the decay of my inner temple?

Challenge: I know the poison lingering inside is made harmless as water when I turn it over to the Lord in full surrender. I desire only to drink from the waters of everlasting life.

Next we have *methe*, translated as *drunkenness*:

◀ 3178. methé ▶

<p>Strong's Concordance</p> <p>methé: drunkenness Original Word: μέθη, ης, ή Part of Speech: Noun, Feminine Transliteration: methé Phonetic Spelling: (meth'-ay) Short Definition: drunkenness Definition: deep drinking, drunkenness.</p> <p>NAS Exhaustive Concordance</p> <p>Word Origin a prim. word</p> <p>Definition drunkenness</p>	<p>Englishman's Concordance</p> <p>Strong's Greek 3178 3 Occurrences</p> <p>μέθαι — 1 Occ. μέθαις — 1 Occ. μέθη — 1 Occ.</p> <p>Luke 21:34 N-DFS GRK: κραπάλη και μέθη και μερίμναις NAS: with dissipation <i>and drunkenness</i> and the w KJV: surfeiting, and <i>drunkenness</i>, and cares INT: dissipation and <i>drunkenness</i> and cares</p> <p>Romans 13:13 N-DFP GRK: κάμοις και μέθαις μη κοίταις NAS: not in carousing <i>and drunkenness</i>, not in se KJV: and <i>drunkenness</i>, not</p>
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A simple study on the word *methe* reveals that the actual meaning is: *intoxication*. While this work is similar to *pharmaokia*, we are looking at something different. Intoxication can of course come about by something we take into our bodies, whether a pill or beverage, even caffeine has an intoxicating effect to some degree. However, we find the deeper meaning in things taken into the spirit which cause intoxication (poisoning that initially feels like pleasure). We seek intoxication when we lose track of the value of deep-abiding inner peace. We look for ways to relieve our anxieties and grievances through entertainment, distraction, stirring up conflict, etc.

As an example, I don't know about you, but when I feel miserable it is nice to have someone to be miserable with. In this way we actually fan the flames of discontent (poison) because for awhile it feels pleasurable. If we dislike the government we enjoy watching videos on how evil it is because it fulfills and upholds our reason to be miserable. If we dislike a group of people, we find others who also dislike them to reinforce our feelings and provide us a sense of relief.

Meditation: Do I seek out intoxicating influences and actions instead of going deep within where the Lord provides me with true relief?

Challenge: I find fulfillment within, drinking of the new wine, I am taken high in Spirit.

Now we see *komos*.

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◀ 2970. kómos ▶

<p>Strong's Concordance</p> <p>kómos: a village festival, revel Original Word: κῶμος, ου, ὁ Part of Speech: Noun, Masculine Transliteration: kómos Phonetic Spelling: (ko'-mos) Short Definition: a feasting, reveling Definition: a feasting, reveling, carousal.</p> <p>HELPS Word-studies</p> <p>2970 <i>kómos</i> (originally, village-merrymaking that took place at the gathering of the grapes, Souter) – a riotous party (drunken feast) which hosted unbridled sexual immorality; hence, <i>revelings</i> (debauched "partying").</p> <p>[2970 (<i>kómos</i>) had the original meaning, "a carousal," such as a party of revelers parading the streets, or revels held in religious ceremonies, wild, furious, and ecstatic" (K. Wuest, <i>Word Studies, Vol 2, Pastoral Epistles, 1 Peter</i>, 112).]</p>	<p>Englishman's</p> <p>Strong's Greek 2970 3 Occurrences</p> <p>κῶμοι — 1 Occ. κῶμοις — 2 Occ.</p> <p>Romans 13:13 N-D GRK: περιπατήσ NAS: as in the day, KJV: not <i>in rioting</i> a INT: we should walk</p> <p>Galatians 5:21 N-N GRK: φθόνοι μέ NAS: drunkenness, KJV: drunkenness, INT: envying drunk</p>
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This goes on to further emphasize the road that flows on from *methe*. Now, not only are we seeking intoxication, but we are taking our intoxication outside into the world, and gaining fulfillment by outside sources. Keep in mind, all things to us are allowable, but not all things are profitable to us when our primary desire is oneness with God. All things are allowable, but let no "thing" be your master. It's so easy to let go of the desire to be out partying all weekend long when you've had your first taste of being taken in the Spirit, where all needs are fulfilled in the perfect time and perfect order.

A much deeper study can be done on the origins of this word, which are quite interesting. I am reminded of dance clubs, raves, bar-hopping, etc...and yet this word is also connected to religious ceremony itself as well as comedy. <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Komos>

Meditation: Is the outside world truly the only place I can turn to have a good time and relieve my stress? Can I take a chance on going within for the feast which I ultimately desire?

Challenge: Ecstasy is within, accessible to me at anytime: I am aware of the source of my delight and the location of my feast.