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Continuing with our series, we pick up our Scripture text:

*Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boast-ers, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, Without understanding, covenantbreak-ers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them (Romans 1:29-32).*

As you can well see, the apostle Paul gives us a litany of sins that would follow these reprobates and their ungodly deeds. This catalog of evil works is the very thing with which these reprobates have become filled. The believer, on the other hand, is to be filled with the Holy Spirit and the Word of God. Christ declared: *“I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing” (John 15:5).*

Paul says evildoers are filled with *all unrighteousness* and their fruit is heinous. Being filled with *all unrighteousness* is being full of injustices, absolute wrongfulness, and is utterly sinful. Admittedly, we are witnessing more injustices in our nation as the Lord tarries.

Concerning sins of *all unrighteousness*, Paul gives us a detailed list you will hardly ever hear mentioned from pulpits today.

**GOD’S WORD PROVES**

**MAN’S WICKEDNESS – Part 5**

The Greek word *porneia*, translated to *fornication*, means to indulge in unlawful lust with either sex. It is also spiritual idolatry because one is joining themselves to that which is ungodly or unholy. *Fornication* addresses prostitutes, strumpets, whores, and male prostitutes, all which are debauchees. The apostle Paul gave this exhortation:

*Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body. What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? (1 Corinthians 6:18-19).*

Once redeemed, the believer is the sole property of Christ. We have been purchased by His precious blood. There is nothing anyone can do to redeem themselves from sin. Christians must step outside of the body of Christ to fornicate and that act of sin is against their own bodies. Solomon clearly declared: *“But he that sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul...” (Proverbs 8:36).*

The next word the apostle uses is *wickedness* and means utter depravity involving evil plots and deeds. *Wickedness* was one of the great sins in the days of Noah:

*“And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually” (Genesis 6:5).*

Next, Paul uses *covetousness*, speaking of those who practice greed, fraud, and extortion. America

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is knee deep in greed, fraud, and extortion.

Paul continues his choice of words with *maliciousness*, meaning depravity of those who shamelessly foment trouble and naughtiness.

Paul addresses those who are full of *envy*. To be envious is to be jealous. The greatest definition I ever heard for *envy* is: “You have what I want; I know I can never have it so I will destroy yours”. Needless to say the spirit of *envy* is why we have such great conflict within our government, courts, and society. In the end, the sin of *envy* will produce profuse civil unrest within America.

Paul then turns his attention to *murder*, which, literally, means to slaughter someone. Look at the tens of millions of innocent children slaughtered this year alone; 125,000 babies aborted per day worldwide while still in their mothers’ womb; and most women don’t even flinch at this heinous crime of *murder*.

Next the apostle uses the word *debate*, which means to be full of contention, strife, and possessed with a spirit of quarrel. Have you noticed the proliferation of quarreling and division within our Congress and Supreme Court? Even Christians grapple over most of biblical truth no matter what the truth may be. The prophet said it well: *“And judgment is turned away backward, and justice standeth afar off: for truth is fallen (or overthrown) in the street, and equity (truth) cannot enter” (Isaiah 59:14).*

Paul speaks of *deceit*, meaning a decoy, a trick, something used to bait anyone through an act of subtlety. Without a doubt *deceit* is the most powerful tool of Satan now in

the time of the end. Paul said: **“But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived (2 Timothy 3:13).**

Jesus warned during His Olivet discourse: **“Take heed that no man deceive you** (or lead you astray). **For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many” (Matthew 24:4-5).**

Deception has exploded throughout the world. It has become very difficult to find the truth today no matter where one may look.

Paul then speaks of **malignity**, meaning anyone with bad character and mischievousness. Sadly we are witnessing a lot of bad characters in politics and purported Christendom.

Paul follows with **whisperers**, those who quietly slander and use detractions against others they loath. Can you fathom the depths of whispering during the Trump administration when the FBI and Justice Department were covering their evil deeds? **Whisperers** are the ultimate purveyors of discord in our lives.

**Backbiters** are next on the apostle Paul’s list, speaking of those who are talkative and slandering their victims behind their backs. I once heard a man say he one time had angel wings on his back but the backbiters chewed them off!

Next we see Paul addressing **haters of God**. They simply hate God because He seeks to deal with their conscience but they will not allow it; thus, He allows them to become reprobates. Those who hate God have no justifiable reason: in no way has He ever harmed or injured anyone. He has given them life and could give it more abundantly if they would only chose to follow Him. Jesus: **“They hated me without a cause” (John 15:25).**

Paul then engages the **despiteful**. This speaks to those who exercise violence and abuse coupled with retaliation; they are also insulting and injurious to anyone they choose.

Paul then highlights the **proud**,

speaking of their haughtiness and belief they are above others. Regretably, most members of both chambers of Congress have a haughty spirit when addressing America’s citizens. The **proud** are warned: **“Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall” (Proverbs 16:18).**

Next up are **boasters**, those who brag and are braggart in their spirit.

Paul then calls out **inventors of evil things**; utterly depraved and given over to every evil way. These evildoers contrive and pierce forbidden spiritual membranes to discover the evils of Satan himself. Most everything these evil people invent is unimaginable; however, children of God are free from evil inventions because we are Spirit-filled. When walking in the Holy Spirit, the believer is unable to contrive evil because we resist crossing forbidden boundaries. Evildoers invent evil things because their minds are reprobate, possessing no God-conscience.

Paul even focuses on children who are **disobedient to parents**, speaking of unbelieving children possessed with hardness, stubbornness, and rebellion.

Next in line are those who are **without understanding**. For those of us who live in the bounds of reason, we are castigated by the world because we understand things such as transgenderism are absolute fallacy and directly opposed to God’s plan for mankind. The world’s chastisement, therefore, actually shows they are the ones who lack understanding.

Now, Paul brings to the forefront those who are **covenantbreakers**, meaning they refuse to abide by covenants, agreements, and treaties. They are faithless and corrupt when dealing with others. Many make covenants; however they can be bribed into submission. In Proverbs, we read: **“A wicked man taketh a gift out of the bosom to pervert (to wrest or twist) the ways of judgment” (Proverbs 17:23).**

Also making the grade are those who are without **natural affection**. They are devoid of natural love or affection for family and humanity. We witness loss of **natural affection** when women casually abort babies and men turn to unnatural relations.

Paul then speaks to those who are **implacable**, meaning those who are absolutely irreconcilable, remaining in a state of war, refusing to lay aside their differences or listen to terms of reconciliation. As Christians, we must guard our hearts from becoming implacable.

Paul speaks to the **unmerciful**, who have absolutely no compassion for anyone or any circumstance that may overwhelm their neighbor. They are unable to demonstrate pity.

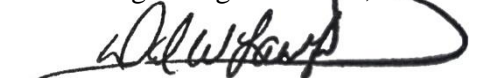
Paul concludes in **verse 32** stating that all of the above know of the judgment of God, and yet they decree through their pride and arrogance: **“Do your best to mete out judgment but it will not stop us!”**

In effect, God judges those who judge others in the same manner in which they have judged (see **Matthew 7:1-2**). When anyone judges another for committing the same sin they themselves commit, they are literally condemning themselves. This was one of the great errors of the Jews in that they constantly berated the Gentiles.

Needless to say, the coming days will become more perilous and dangerous. However, Christ is our refuge and strength in the day of trouble (see **Psalms 46:1**).

We humbly thank you for your love and continued support for this ministry. Like the angels in Heaven declare: **“Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen” (Revelation 7:12).**

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