

Sunday, November 12, 2023—Galatians 5:20 The Works Of The Flesh, Part 3 (Hatred, Variance, Emulations)

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- **Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,**
- **Hatred**—“Great dislike or aversion; hate; enmity. Hatred is an aversion to evil, and may spring from utter disapprobation, as the hatred of vice or meanness; or it may spring from offenses or injuries done by fellow men, or from envy or jealousy, in which case it is usually accompanied with malevolence or malignity. Extreme hatred is abhorrence or detestation.” (Webster’s 1828).
- A form of the word “hate” occurs 190 times 179 verses in the King James Bible.
 - Genesis 27:41
 - Genesis 29:31-33
 - Genesis 37:4-8
 - Leviticus 19:17
 - Luke 23:12
 - Romans 8:7
 - Ephesians 2:15-16
 - James 4:4
- **Variance**— “Difference that produces dispute or controversy; disagreement; dissension; discord. A mere variance may become a war. Without a spirit of condescension, there will be an everlasting variance. 1) At variance, in disagreement; in a state of difference or want of agreement; 2) In a state of dissension or controversy; in a state of enmity.” (Webster’s 1828)
- The word rendered “variance” in this verse is related to the following concepts, “a quarrel, i.e. (by implication) wrangling:—contention, debate, strife, variance.” (*Strong’s Concordance*)
 - Romans 1:29—debate
 - Romans 13:13—strife
 - I Corinthians 1:11—contentions
 - I Timothy 6:4—strife
 - Titus 3:9—contentions
- **Emulations**—Noah Webster defined “emulations” as follows:

- “The act of attempting to equal or excel in qualities or actions; rivalry; desire of superiority, attended with effort to attain to it; generally in a good sense, or an attempt to equal or excel others in that which is praiseworthy, without the desire of depressing others (Romans 11:14). In a bad sense, a striving to equal or do more than others to obtain carnal favors or honors.
 - 1) An ardor kindled by the praise-worthy examples of others, inciting to imitate them, or to equal or excel them.
 - 2) Contest; contention; strife; competition; rivalry accompanied with a desire of depressing another.” (Webster’s 1828)
- Romans 11:14—is the only other time that a form of “emulation” is used in the Bible. Here it is used in the positive sense.
- The word translated “emulations” is variously rendered 17 times in the King James Bible.
 - Acts 13:45—envy
 - Romans 13:13—envying
 - Philippians 3:6—zeal
 - Colossians 4:13—zeal