

Sunday, December 3, 2023—Galatians 5:21 The Works Of The Flesh, Part 6 (Envyings & Murders)

### Galatians 5:21

- “Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings”
- **Envyings**—the word translated “envyings” in this verse occurs 9 times in 9 verses in the New Testament. The meaning of the word is associated with ill-will, jealousy, and spite.
  - Matthew 27:18; Mark 15:10—“envy”
  - Romans 1:29
  - Philippians 1:15
  - I Timothy 6:4
  - Titus 3:3
  - James 4:5
  - I Peter 2:1
- Noah Webster’s *American Dictionary Of The English Language* defines “envy” as follows in its noun form:
  - “Pain, uneasiness, mortification or discontent excited by the sight of another's superiority or success, accompanied with some degree of hatred or malignity, and often or usually with a desire or an effort to depreciate the person, and with pleasure in seeing him depressed. envy springs from pride, ambition or love, mortified that another has obtained what one has a strong desire to possess.”
    - “Emulation differs from envy in not being accompanied with hatred and a desire to depress a more fortunate person.”
- The book of Proverbs has a lot to say about the issue of “envy.”
  - Proverbs 3:31
  - Proverbs 14:30
  - Proverbs 23:17
  - Proverbs 27:4
- Galatians 5:21— “envy” is a work of the flesh because it desires to oppress others for the benefit of oneself.

- **Murders**—is straight forward. Noah Webster defined the word as follows:
  - “The act of unlawfully killing a human being with premeditated malice, by a person of sound mind. To constitute murder in law, the person killing another must be of sound mind or in possession of his reason, and the act must be done with malice, pretense, aforethought or premeditated; but malice may be implied, as well as expressed.” (*Webster’s 1828*)
- The following are a couple of occurrences from the New Testament.
  - Mark 7:21
  - Mark 15:7 (Luke 23:19, 25)
  - Romans 1:29
- Exodus 20:13
- Deuteronomy 5:17
- Number 35:9—provides instruction in Israel for how do to deal with murder.