

Works of the Flesh / Fruit of the Spirit

Part 3

Scripture: Galatians 5:16-26

Scripture Reading: Deut 6:4-9

INTRO:

Well, we have begun to look at the works of the flesh and the fruits of the Spirit, and by looking at the list Paul gives us in Galatians chapter 5 verses 19 to 24 and at the speed we are moving, you may be thinking it may be a long time before we come to the fruit of these messages. Well rest assured, we will get there. Because I feel that when we come to this list and others like it in scripture, we often go over them like some check list. We simply go over them, checking them off one at a time saying, nope, nope, nope, that one doesn't apply to me so nope, nope, and nope, all done and on we go with the reading of the word. And we fail to recognize the soft and subtle beginnings of the things we allow into the soul, in allowing a little bit of it here and a little bit of it there, little things that one day will grow into these works of the flesh.

And I'm not going through these to condemn us, nor to humiliate us if we see the beginnings of these in our lives, but show us how and where they originate, so that we can deal with them accordingly, before they become something bigger in our lives.

Because these things in the list, these works of the flesh, they do not just suddenly appear in our lives, it may look like that to others once they become outwardly, but to show us that their origins are subtle, and they can come from a place deep inside of us, from places that we least expected them to come from, until the day comes when it is only one more little step, one little spark of the mind and it becomes an evident work of the flesh and sin.

And that is why we must be ever watchful of what we allow into our soul and mind through the bodily senses and through the spirit in the form of whisperings or temptations from the devil.

Last time we looked at adultery, and I noted how it doesn't just come out of nowhere, but as Jesus said, it begins with the looking and lusting of the heart. Because one thing we should have learned already, is that the devil hardly ever makes big steps, or big leaps forward in leading us into sins. Such advancements would shock us and cause us to reel backwards from the directions he is taking us and cause the devil to lose much ground in the process.

No, he hardly ever works in big steps or moves in fast paces. He may even work on someone for a lifetime with one sin and then in the final moments of his or her life cause them to fall into that sin and be consumed by it when they are older. It is the responsibility of Christians to be watchful and sober, and it is the responsibility of pastors to teach and warn the flock of where these little things begin and what the devil may be doing in the background of their lives.

B. Fornication

Well, we have come to the second one in the list which is fornication, the first one we looked at was adultery, they are closely related yet different. Adultery as defined in the Online Bible Greek Lexicon in its use in both the New Testament and the Old Testament is the act of having unlawful *relations* with another's wife or to commit adultery, usually of man, always with the wife of another.

I said, and this is my opinion, that adultery is the unfaithfulness of married people with other people. And this includes the 'very act' as with the woman who was brought to Jesus by the Pharisees. And also, includes the practice of divorce and remarriage as Jesus states in the book of Mark. Last time we looked at King David and noted that even though David committed adultery with another man's wife, I view this

more as abuse through the use of power, the abuse of one in great power and authority over one who is completely helpless.

And the reason I noted this is because I believe that in adultery there must be a consensus or an agreement between the two for it to be properly called adultery. In the case with Bathsheba, she is never portrayed as the adulteress or a seductress in scripture. But rather as a little ewe lamb as Nathan portrays her in his parable, one who was helpless to the abuse and violation by the one who was rich and powerful.

And the reason I remind us of this definition of adultery is because with many translations and interpretations of this word fornication, the one we are looking at today, various translators and interpreters often want to mix the definitions around a bit, and when they do this it causes many grammatical problems as we will see in a moment.

The Greek word used here is the word porneia por-ni²-ah, Strong's number 4202. The Online Bible Greek Lexicon says of this word;

It is the illicit sexual relationships,

And then it goes on to say;

as in adultery, fornication, homosexuality, lesbianism, bestiality and etcetera.

Now there is a problem with this definition and Pastor Phil has preached on this in the past, the problem is whether the word fornication, this word ‘porneia’ is to be used as a broad term or a narrow term. In his message on Ephesians part 80 he speaks about this problem and says this, and I quote;

Now note first that the NKJV has followed the modern view that pornia is a broad term that covers all kinds of physical immorality. So they have translated the word pornia as sexual immorality. I am convinced that that is a wrong translation of the word pornia. The KJV, I believe, rightly translates it as fornication here and in Ephesians 5 as well. For those who wish to study this further, Matthew 19 deals with the same topic as these verses do.

So, the biggest question is, does the NT use the word pornia in a broad sense, or a narrow sense? The broad sense is that it speaks of all kinds of physical immorality and the narrow sense says it is physical immorality on the part of the unmarried.

I believe it speaks of immorality in the narrow sense. If one speaks of this sin as related to the unmarried, it is fornication; if one speaks of this sin with regard to the married, it is adultery.

Let me give one piece of evidence for that. We go to 1 Corinthians 6. Here Paul gives a list of sins, which if a believer is caught in these, he will not inherit the kingdom of God. We begin in verse 9:

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.

Now notice carefully that pornia, fornication, is mentioned separately from adulterers, homosexuals and sodomites. Now those last three terms are physical immorality and if pornia is a broad term, it covers these other words as well. I have mentioned other times that this is like saying: Last year we planted vegetables, carrots, peas, potatoes and cucumbers in our garden.

The word vegetables does not fit because it is a broad term.

Now I give that briefly to refute the idea that pornia is a broad term.

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If it is a broad term, then it is used in many places redundantly by using it alongside other words of the same nature. If it is a narrow term then it becomes a separate narrow reference to a sin apart from the others, when listed with the others. And I think as pastor Phil does 'If one speaks of this sin as related to the unmarried, it is fornication; if one speaks of this sin with regard to the married, it is adultery.

Another example that we could look at is the Old Testament use of the words adultery and fornication. If we look at the word adultery which is the Hebrew word na'aph naw-af Strong's number 5003, it is the word used in the ten commandments and in the commandment of Leviticus chapter 20 verse 10 where it states that;

'The man who commits adultery <5003> with another man's wife, he who commits adultery <5003> with his neighbor's wife, the adulterer <5003> and the adulteress <5003>, shall surely be put to death.

This word is used 26 times in the Old Testament.

Now if we then look at the Hebrew equivalent of fornication or pornia it is the word zarah zaw-naw' Strong's number 2181 and it is used 82 times in the Old Testament. It is usually translated as harlot or harlotry and if we look at Leviticus chapter 21 verse 9 as an example it says;

'The daughter of any priest, if she profanes herself by playing the harlot <02181>, she profanes her father. She shall be burned with fire.

As a rule, adultery and fornication are viewed as separate and distinct sins in the Old Testament. Sometimes on rare occasions they are used interchangeably when speaking in the metaphorical sense, as when Israel is accused of committing unfaithfulness against God, but always separate and distinct when used closer together literally, as in Isaiah chapter 57 verse 3 which says;

"But come here, You sons of the sorceress, You offspring of the adulterer and the harlot!

Speaking of the offence of the married and of the offence of the single people, also in Hosea's rebuke to the nation he says in chapter 4 verses 13 and 14a;

They offer sacrifices on the mountaintops, And burn incense on the hills, Under oaks, poplars, and terebinths, Because their shade is good. Therefore your daughters commit harlotry, And your brides commit adultery.

14 "I will not punish your daughters when they commit harlotry, Nor your brides when they commit adultery;

Note again the daughters, the single people committed harlotry or fornication and the brides, which you must remember that in the Jewish culture, a betrothed bride was classed as a wife, committed adultery.

But now we have come to a time in our day that this work of the flesh has become unchecked almost everywhere. It is portrayed as normal in our society. And this is perhaps why the translators of the New King James Version chose to change the translation as pastor Phil noted in his message, that perhaps when the translators and interpreters of that New King James Version, saw what was coming out of the 60's and 70's in regards to fornication, they wanted to 'cover all the bases' as we sometimes say. Because what happened in that era of time has only been magnified and multiplied from that time onward. And when we come to today we find that it is still increasing at an alarming rate.

Quoting Pastor Phil again from the same message he said;

If ever there has been a day when the instruction of our text is needed, it is today. Today, pornia is taught to little children in many public schools by teaching things unfit to be discussed among adults. Today, our society and public schools are so depraved, it is hard to comprehend that any who call themselves Christians send their children there. The sin most children have experienced by the time they get out of school is incalculable and will damage them for the rest of their lives, even if they repent and live godly lives afterward.

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And I believe that in the few years from writing this, it has become even worse. It is not only being taught, it is being promoted, endorsed, and not only promoted and endorsed, it is being stuffed into the minds of children so that there is hardly a possibility that they will ever come out of public schools normal.

And where does this leave you, the Christian? Where does this leave you with your young children? Where does this leave us amidst this national fornication onslaught on humanity?

Last time, when we looked at adultery, we saw that it begins in the mind with looking and lusting of a married person that begins to draw them into adultery, it is not something that the devil makes us take in big steps, but a little here and a little there. And we must guard our own soul from the wiles of the devil, in his attempts of taking us off the path of righteousness and into the sin of adultery, speaking to those of us who are married.

And when it comes to fornication, it is no different; for the individual, it is this same safeguard of not allowing something into that chamber of the soul, in mixing temptations, desires and enticements and then igniting them into sin.

However, this work of the flesh called fornication, I think is a much more evil foe, it's not coming for us the married ones, that's not who the devil of fornication is after. No, he is after a much larger age and social category, he is after the unmarried older single adults, the younger single adults, he is after our college age children, he is after our high school kids, our teens and preteens, he is after our elementary school age children, our little children, and our grandchildren and he will not stop at anything until he succeeds in polluting the minds of everyone he can.

And with the message on adultery, where we are to be ever cautious about what we look and lust after as individuals, with fornication it begins with us, the parents, as to what we allow our children to be subject to. And how we prepare them to be soldiers of the cross, and for Christ.

For we know if you do not prepare a soldier for the battle, he will not last long in the war. Because fornication, the sin or the work of the flesh before marriage, is now days something we as parents have to work against almost as soon as our children are born, to train our children in the way God wants them to be trained and it is becoming more and more critical with every passing year. The biblical teaching of biblical principles is at a point of such importance today, that our children not only need to be firmly grounded in the word of God, but permanently cemented into the word of God otherwise the world will flood them with the many temptations of porneia.

Just a note here I am a very strong supporter of Gary and Anne Marie Ezzo's teachings on child training. Their course 'Growing Kids God's Way' is more important now than I think they every thought it would be, and just a note to our own congregation here, our church has a paid account with Growing families international and has access to all the parenting videos, and books that you may need are free of charge by the church.

And if we go back to what the scriptures tells us about raising children, for that is where much of this issue starts, in getting our children on the right track and prepare them for life beyond the home and protection of their parents, we begin to see that it begins with us, the parents.

As I said earlier, in the issue of adultery, it is our own looking and lusting as married people that we must be watchful for, and when we begin to have children we must not only be watchful of our own eyes, but we must be watchful what those little eyes and ears are seeing and hearing as well. As the children's song goes;

oh be careful little eyes what you see, oh be careful
little ears what you hear, be careful little tongue what
you say be careful little hand what you do, be careful
little feet where you go, be careful little heart whom
you trust, and be careful little mind what you think...

And all of this begins with you the parent.

Paul tells us in Ephesians chapter 6 verse 4 says;

*And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath,
but bring them up in the training and admonition of the
Lord.*

It is our job as parents to instill in our children the truth about God's word. You may be thinking by now 'I thought this was a message about fornication, not about parenting', but don't you see, this is where it starts. The world is teaching fornication in kindergarten already, so why should we not teach about the Lord before that, to get the jump on their minds before the world does. Because this work of the flesh does not just appear out of nowhere in teenagers or young adults, its seeds are planted decades before that already.

Listen to Moses when he spoke to the children of Israel in Deuteronomy chapter 6 and if you turn there in your bibles, I will start in verse 1 and read to verse 9.

Deuteronomy chapter 6 starting in verse 3;

"Now this is the commandment, and these are the statutes and judgments which the LORD your God has commanded to teach you, that you may observe them in the land which you are crossing over to possess,

2 "that you may fear the LORD your God,

The world has lost this fear, there is no fear of the Lord left in the modern world;

2 "that you may fear the LORD your God, to keep all His statutes and His commandments which I command you, you and your son and your grandson, all the days of your life, and that your days may be prolonged.

And then down to verse 5 and these next 5 verse could be directly applied to any people living for the Lord in any era, for it says;

5 "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.

6 "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart.

7 "You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.

8 "You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.

9 "You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

He is saying every part of your life should reflect the teachings of the Lord, and it shall be diligently taught to your children, when you sit in your house, when you walk in this world, when you lie down and when you rise up.

It says ‘you shall bind them as a sign on your hand’ meaning everything you do should reflect this love for God, it says it shall be as frontlets between your eyes’ meaning everything we look at should be filtered through our love of the Lord, just as Psalm 119 verse 37 says;

Turn away my eyes from looking at worthless things, And revive me in Your way.

And what is the key to all of this in teaching our children the ways of the Lord, in being diligent to follow these commands? Well it begins in you the parent and in verse 6 which says;

6 "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart.

You see, if you, the parent, do not love the Lord, love His word, love His commandments, and have committed them to your own heart, then teaching them to your children will in a sense be futile, for they will soon see when they grow older, that mom or dad doesn't really believe what they have been preaching and teaching. It is you the parents, the grandparents, aunts and uncles and friends if we are to save our children from this monster of fornication, that sin before marriage, it begins with you.

Because if we go down to verse 18 it says;

18 "And you shall do what is right and good in the sight of the LORD, that it may be well with you, and that you may go in and possess the good land of which the LORD swore to your fathers,

19 "to cast out all your enemies from before you, as the LORD has spoken.

Yes, Moses is speaking to the children of Israel at the time they were to possess the land and they were to cast out all their enemies from before them. Parents, you need to do the same with your home. Cast out all the things that want to tempt your children to this sin, music, movies, magazines all of these can have elements of fornication and the temptation of it, cast them out of your lives and your home, and get rid of them, get rid of such things before it is too late. Pray and ask the Lord to show you the things that the devil may be using to creep into your home, to get at your children.

Years ago, we got rid of our satellite TV, and when I was called by the provider asking why we wanted to discontinue the service, if there was anything they could do to reconnect us? I told them; no, I didn't want their service anymore. It was not the programs that we would watch with our children, they were not the problem, these we could

regulate and control, it was the commercials I had no control over and were sometimes the worst. And if we go back to Deuteronomy chapter 6 verse 20 where it says;

*20 "When your son asks you in time to come, saying,
'What is the meaning of the testimonies, the statutes, and
the judgments which the LORD our God has commanded
you?'*

When your children ask why they can't do certain things or watch certain shows. You can tell them, because our God is looking for holy people, people who love Him and will obey Him and His word. And if what they hear is real, and if what they see is real, and that their own lives as parents is lived according to the word, then the word will be real to them in a much deeper and clearer way as well. Living as real parents who love the Lord and keep His words in their heart.

And I know we are talking about children because that is where the battle line of fornication has come to. In the hearts and minds of little children. A battle that should never have come to the minds of little children, but the devil has no limits, there is nothing too low for the devil and his workings in the world including his attacks on little children. Parents, guard your little children, and teach them in the way they should go. Because if you don't, the world will swallow them up.

And I'm going to just climb the ladder of age a little now, And I want to transition and talk to you the teenagers and the parents of them.

We do not have very many teens in our group but there are some coming to that age and perhaps someone online or someone watching this in the future, this may help them.

And I thought of illustrating this as it may work better than words, it is all about the visual these days they say. And it may be a little more on the lighter side to catch the teenager's attention.

Slide 1 - BLACK

Slide 2 - here we have the typical teenager

Slide 3 - and here we have the typical teenager brain, it is a relatively simple two speed gear box with neutral and overdrive. Neutral for when they are to be doing the things you told them to do, and overdrive for the attitude they give you when you confront them for not doing the things you told them to do.

Slide 4 - but inside this brain there is also a gauge, and if we could see it

Slide 5 - it would be equipped with a pointer as well and would somewhat resemble the gas gauge on your car with a full and empty levels

Slide 6 - but in this case, we call this the parental smartness gauge, it is in every teenager no matter what make or model you have there is this gauge inside their head.

Slide 7 – and when the gauge is at its full mark, all the way to the right

Slide 8 - parents are the greatest smartest people in the world, normally speaking in normal homes.

Slide 9 - and this stays there until about age 10 and perhaps a few years later.

Slide 10 - but very often at about the age of 13 or around that time something happens with this gauge.

Slide 11 - 18 - the gauge begins to drop

Slide 19 - and around age 18 or somewhere at that age,

Slide 20 - parents know nothing, in the mind of the teenager, parents just 'don't understand' which is one of the most common phrases used by teenagers during this time, that and the phrases like 'they don't know anything about what I am going through'.

Now how do I know this, because 30 years ago that was me. I have been down that road. I have been in that exact same spot that this slide is depicting. And if we were to ask the adults in the room, most of us have been there too. And one thing that we as teenagers forget, when we are there at this point in our lives, is that our parents were there too at one time, in their lives.

Listen, teens, we as parents know what those hormones are doing to you, we know the stress you are going through, and the only reason your parents seem overprotective and overbearing is because very often we just don't want you to do or go through the same stupid things we went through.

Slide 21 - And as a note and a caution to you parents as well, there is also a gauge in your head, and I know this because I have three of them in there too.

Slide 22 - but this one is called my kids smartness

Slide 23 - and it too is full when the child is up to about 10 years old or somewhere around that age, and the parent thinks my child is the smartest kid in the world. But then we too are guilty of letting this gauge drop as the teenager ages, to a point when they are about 18 or so

Slide 24 - and we think... (stump or brick)

Slide 25 - not that we really believe it, but because we are frustrated with our teens aren't we, parents. And it times like this that the teenager says to the parent 'ahhhhh you just done understand', and the parent says to the teenager; 'ahhhhh but you just done understand, now go to your room'. But one thing we must remember is that when we are both in this state

Slide 26 - when both our gauges are at their lowest

Slide 27 - we are all in a vulnerable and volatile situation. And if we fill that chamber of our heart, the chamber I talked about in the first message, with all kinds of things of the flesh, ones that we will get to later, things like anger and hatred and outburst of wrath.

Slide 28 - all it will take is one spark, one harsh word, one bad act or decision and...

Slide 29 - boom it can all blow everything apart, and we will say things we don't really mean, we will react in ways we don't really want to react, we will do things we normally would not do.

And this is where the devil, that adversary of old will find great opportunity to bring in all kinds of temptations of the flesh, to you the teenager, temptations like the one we are looking at today. Because the world and the devil are trying to make it very appealing and appetizing for you to indulge in this sin of fornication and other things, rather than listening to your parents, and if the devil can sever this relationship a whole host of bad ones will take its place.

As a friend once said 'today's actions are tomorrow's memories', and it's up to you, to choice whether they will be good ones or bad ones. Teens even though it may be difficult now, choose to make good memories.

And parents, I think one of the best things you can do is be consistent with the word and that means it is consistent in your life. And be ever careful when you find yourselves in this situation, because you are dealing with one of the most fragile things in this world and that is the heart of your child. Whether they are 5 or 15 you need to be very careful with their heart, and I want to quote Gary Ezzo from their

course Growing Kids God's way in dealing with this issue, in chapter 4 titled The Fathers Mandate he says this;

If you want of find out what is going on with your child, you need access to his or her inner private world. Every person lives in three worlds- public, personal, and private. The public world includes much of the time we spend away from home (work and social activities) and allows us to keep relationships at a safe distance. Our personal world includes time spent with friends and relatives. In such settings, we are more relaxed and vulnerable.

Our private world is the most secret of all places. No one can visit our private world without an invitation, for our private world takes place on the inside. Children have a private world that is constantly changing and developing. Fathers need to be particularly sensitive to this world.

There is an interesting phenomenon with children we call the "open window" that is often missed by parents who are too busy.

One evening while tucking daughter amy in bed we have a few minutes to talk. I inquired how her day had

gone at school. A short moment of silence preceded her response. She was contemplating. And then suddenly she asked: 'daddy, do you think I'm pretty? Do you think anyone else thinks I'm pretty?' at that moment, she was taking a risk with her dad. She was trusting me with the treasures of her heart.

When your child is willing to share the issues of his or her heart, you must seize the opportunity. When your child invited you into his or her private world, you must listen with your heart as well as your head. Although there are no guarantees in parenting, this statement comes close to being a certainty; if you can prove your trustworthiness during the vulnerable moments in the early years, your son or daughter will come to you when he or she is older and faces life's challenges in the teen years. Your child will not forget you in times of need.

A father can establish a trusting relationship in the secret places of his child's heart, but he can destroy it there as well. That is why it is critical that you respect your child's private world.

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He also speaks about this in the video series and talks about when your teenager actually ‘opens the window’ to their heart to you, don’t barge in and try to clean the place up. No he says that will not work and you will find that window will slam shut tight. Parents, we know it’s probably a mess in there, and we would just like to get in there and set things straight. But it does not work like that. They are growing up, and with their lives and bodies changing it is a difficult time for them, and opening their heart is a very hard and risky thing for them to do.

But if they do open their heart to you, seize the opportunity but be very careful, gently look around, don’t touch too many things or open topics they don’t want you to open, but let them know that they can trust you with their heart in the most vulnerable place they have let you in.

Because if we love the Lord, obey and love his word as Christian parents and teach our children and teens that the word of God is the staple and ultimate authority in all our lives, then there is hope.

Slide 30 - hope, that through love and care and understanding, and by the word of God we will all get through these difficult times. And if we do, by about the time the child reaches 22 to about 25, the gauges

in the child and in the parent will have come back up, and now they are both prepared and equipped to face the real adversary together.

Now, how do we get to talking about parenting when we are talking about fornication, because this 'is' that little piece of the big picture for you, this is where the beginning of fornication begins and it all begins with our children when they are little, when they are vulnerable. The world knows this. The world has taken full advantage of the vulnerability of children, and it is becoming disgusting and shameful to what the devil is already doing to our little children in the world.

Because one day they will no longer be children or teens, but adults, and as an unmarried adult, those who have moved on from the authority of parents and are out there in the world on their own, this world is still a very dangerous place for them.

As young adults, you now know you are no longer under the authority of parents; you are no longer accountable to mom and dad. No, you yourself are now accountable to God for your actions out there in the world. And it will be difficult, you may be alone more, you may get bored more, and there is no one looking over your shoulder to keep you in check or preoccupy you with household chorus and that's when you become the perfect target for the devil who starts whispering

things in your ear. I would encourage you, young adults, be in the word, be faithful in the Lord, keep busy in things of God, and let Him be your guide in what you allow into your own home, into your phone and your own life. Set the standard as if there were a bunch of little ones in your home watching you all the time. Because God is watching you. And it has become your responsibility to live right before God.

There is much wisdom in the word of God for you, as Psalm 119 verse 9-16 says;

How can a young man cleanse his way?

And this applies to young women as well;

By taking heed according to Your word.

And note the next 7 verses;

10 ¶ With my whole heart I have sought You; Oh, let me not wander from Your commandments!

11 ¶ Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You!

12 ¶ Blessed are You, O LORD! Teach me Your statutes!

13 ¶ With my lips I have declared All the judgments of Your mouth.

14 I have rejoiced in the way of Your testimonies, As much as in all riches.

15 I will meditate on Your precepts, And contemplate Your ways.

16 I will delight myself in Your statutes; I will not forget Your word.

Also as Paul says in 1 Corinthians 7:32;

He who is unmarried cares for the things of the Lord—how he may please the Lord.

And part of verse 34;

The unmarried woman cares about the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and in spirit.

Slide 31 - In the first message I talked about being in the word, being in prayer, walking in faith, and being at peace, and be ready to face whatever the devil or this world will throw at you, and you must be ready in the little things, guard yourself in the little steps, and that you would trust God and be obedient to His word.

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And so in conclusion we have looked at fornication, prineia, and how it is a work of the flesh, an outward visible sin of the body in single people. And we see that it's not only a message that applies to the unmarried, but to us the parents and grandparents, in that we must be bold and proactive to counteract, and counter teach what the world is already doing in our children. It is a message for teenagers, we know that this is a difficult time for you, but it too shall pass, do not be rash, do not go with the flow, and do not let Satan entice you with this sin of fornication, making you think you are missing out when you are not. And finally, the older ones, the single adults, be that example of righteousness for the younger ones around you, stand firm in the word and give your all to God. Well may the Lord bless us.