

Know Your Enemy (Pt.3)

Lust of the Flesh

1. Your enemy is Satan with three big guns: lust of the **flesh**, lust the **eyes**, and the **pride** of life. **Genesis 3:6; Matthew 4:3-10; 1 John 2:15-16.**

2. The lust of the flesh is the _____ on the _____ rather than the _____. **2 Peter 2:11; Galatians 5:16-17.**
 - a. _____ riches _____ like riches, but they are not _____ riches. **Matthew 13:22.**

 - b. Worldly _____ and _____ looks like beauty but it is _____. **Proverbs 31:30.**

 - c. Worldly _____ and _____ look like _____ but they get you nowhere. **Palm 49:10-12.**

 - d. Worldly _____ looks like authority but it has no _____. **Proverbs 19:21.**

 - e. Worldly _____, _____, and _____ looks like wisdom, strength and power but it is not. **1 Cor.1:27-28.**

3. Whatever a person _____ on will determine their _____. **Galatians 6:7-8; Psalm 135:15-18.**

4. To fight the lust of the flesh you must _____ on the _____ of God. **Matthew 4:3-4; Ephesians 6:17; 1 John 2:14.**

Do You Feast on Your Flesh?

Money

Do you use people to get money or do you use money to help people . . .
Do you feel like you never have enough . . .
Do you lie to get it . . .
Do you sin to get it . . .
Do you resent giving it . . .
Do you flaunt it when you have it . . .
Are you pulling down your soul to build up your estate . . .

God, help me to never think that I prosper until my soul prospers in or that I am rich unless I am rich towards you or that I am wise unless I am wise to salvation.

Appearance

Do you observe your appearance as being created in the image of God or are you critical . . .
Do you covet other people's appearance rather than being thankful for your own . . .
Do you compare and compete with others in regards to appearance . . .
Does your appearance consume your mind, emotions, behavior and will. . . .

God, help me to never look at myself without recognizing that I have been made in Your image. This gift has been given to no creature but mankind. For when I criticize my appearance I criticize the greatest gift ever given; if I put down my looks, I put down Your glory, an offense to my body is an offense to You.

Sex

Do you let your mind wander where it should not?
Do you view sex as a physical act or relational act?
Do you have secrets that you can't imagine sharing to an appropriate person
mate/accountability?
Do you feel like you never get enough?
Does it master your emotions?
Does it master your thoughts?

God, the largest blessing of the flesh that You have given mankind is sexual intimacy with another. Am I destroying it, do I distort it, am I abusing it? Open my eyes to see the damage I do to people and myself by not having self-control and allowing my flesh to rule.

Power

Do you put others down to raise yourself up . . .
Can the leadership above you do nothing right . . .
Are you willing to ruin your reputation to get a point across . . .
Are you willing to ruin someone else to get your point across . . .
Do you sacrifice for a position at the expense of your relationships . . .
Do you defend yourself when corrected . . .

God, why is it that when You want to guide me I control myself. When You are sovereign I want to rule myself. When I should depend on Your provision I supply myself. When I should submit to Your providence I follow my will. When I should study, love, honor, and trust You I serve myself. God, please don't let me feed my flesh for my glory but teach me to be broken and obedient for Yours.