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TEMPERANCE LESSON

Galatians 5 : 15-26 ; 6 : 7, 8. Commit to memory vs. 7, 8. Read Ephesians 5 : 11-21.

GOLDEN TEXT—Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging.—Proverbs 20 : 1.

15 But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another.

16 ¹This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh : ²and these are contrary the one to the other : ³so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

18 But if ye ⁴be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.

19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are *these* : ⁵ Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness.

20 Idolatry, ⁶ witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,

21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like : of the which I ⁷tell you before, as I

Revised Version—¹ But I say, Walk by ; ² for ; ³ that ye may not ; ⁴ are led by ; ⁵ *Omit* Adultery ; ⁶ sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousies, wraths, factions, divisions, heresies, envyings, drunkenness ; ⁷ forewarn you, even as I did forewarn you ; ⁸ practise ; ⁹ kindness ; ¹⁰ faithfulness ; ¹¹ of Christ Jesus ; ¹² passions and the lusts thereof ; ¹³ by the Spirit, by the Spirit let us also walk ; ¹⁴ vainglorious ; ¹⁵ unto his own flesh ; ¹⁶ unto ; ¹⁷ eternal life.

have also told *you* in time past, that they which ⁸ do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, ⁹ gentleness, goodness, ¹⁰ faith,

23 Meekness, temperance, against such there is no law.

24 And they that are ¹¹ Christ's have crucified the flesh with the ¹² affections and lusts.

25 If we live ¹³ in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

26 Let us not be ¹⁴ desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.

CH. 6 : 7 Be not deceived ; God is not mocked : for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

8 For he that soweth ¹⁵ to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption ; but he that soweth ¹⁶ to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap ¹⁷ life everlasting.

THE LESSON EXPLAINED

Time and Place—Near the close of A.D. 57, or the beginning of A.D. 58 (the more common view): some, however, hold that Galatians was written A.D. 52; probably Corinth, some say Antioch.

Connection—The Epistle to the Galatians has been called "The Epistle of Freedom." It teaches that Christians are free from the forms and rules of the Jewish religion, such as circumcision, fasts, etc.; that they should be free also from the slavery of sin and the tyranny of appetite.

I. TWO RULERS.—15-18. If ye bite and devour; give way to evil passions and act like wild beasts. Consumed one of another. Those who injure others, for example by selling or giving them strong drink, are sure themselves to suffer. Walk in the Spirit. Take Him as your Ruler and Guide, and strive actively to do His will. Shall not fulfil the lust (longing) of the flesh. "Flesh" means all our appetites and desires. These are right in themselves, but, if we make them our rulers, they

will lead us astray. **Flesh... against... Spirit... against... flesh.** These two are striving for the mastery in us. Sometimes the "flesh" gets the

upperhand of us, so that we cannot do the things we would, the things our better nature prompts us to do. Led of the Spirit; who will bring us out of sin's bondage into freedom. Not under the law; not that Christians are not to obey the law. But the law will have nothing to say against those who follow the Spirit.

II. TWO ROADS.—19-21. Two roads lie before us. At the entrance to one, the "flesh" stands beckoning us to follow its guidance. Works of the flesh. Four kinds of sin the flesh will lead to, if it has full control (pick them out of these verses): (1) Sins of the senses; (?) Sins of heathen worship; (3) Sins

against love; (4) Sins of intemperance. Strong drink is often the cause of most of these sins. Not inherit the kingdom of God; cannot have a place amongst Christ's followers here, or enter into heaven at last.



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