

## May 2015 Newsletter - Dealing With Emotions – Review

*“Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of **bitterness** springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled;” Hebrews 12:15*

And what is **bitterness** - *pikria*? It is our pointed reaction of our personal pride against having to do something we don't want to do, or not being allowed to do what we want to do. It is the reaction of the rebellious, fleshly will. It also can come about as the result of being hurt, whether physically, or emotionally; self pity usually will accompany it later on; and it can end up resenting one thing where the believer will end up resenting everything!

Underlying the emotion of bitterness, which leads to the rest of the anger complex, is the human will, that is, the will of the flesh nature. And when we get down to it the will of the flesh nature does not want to do God's will, neither is it able to. *“For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.” Philippians 2:13* So when confronted with doing God's will, or anything pertaining to the spirit, the flesh nature resents it and rebels against it.

What we have got to understand is that the emotions we feel today Adam and Eve did not experience before they sinned! They did not know fear, anger, guilt, grief, jealousy, or even the concept of human love and happiness we experience today. And there is no way that a fallen sinful being can know what an unfallen, sinless being experienced in their souls.

So what kind of “emotions” did Adam and Eve have before they changed due to an acquired OSN? They had an enhanced capacity that operated at a different and higher level enabling them to interact to their environment and each other far above what we have today. This isn't even going into the area of their intellects, which was far superior to anyone's since then. When God created them he created them to have the capacity to relate to their physical environment on a **physical** level, to relate to each other's souls on an “**emotional**” level, and to relate to himself on a **spiritual** level.

On the physical level he gave them **sight**, so they could see what was going on around them. He gave them **hearing**, so they hear the things of the material world. He gave them the sense of **touch**; the sense of **taste**; and the sense of **smell**. All five of these sense completed their capacity to be able to interact completely with their physical environment for they were physical beings living in a physical world.

But because they had **souls**, they had to have the capacity to interact with each other on a soul to soul level. So God created them with a capacity higher than the five physical sense where now they were able to appreciate and enjoy each other and their environment. But not only appreciate and enjoy, but also to experience the ability to love, to have happiness and to enjoy peace. Which are all concepts found in the dynamic of the soul. And in addition to all that and above all that God created them with another capacity that was higher than the five physical senses and higher than soul capacity, he created them with a **spiritual** capacity so they could commune with him on a soul to soul basis over his Word.

So when we look at all this, all we can say is that everything is the same **after** Adam sinned, but we can't say that it was the same **before** he sinned! Since then man has had nothing but problems with his flesh nature, Christians included. Fallen man commits all kinds of terrible sins, but he also has a problem with his lusts, his intense desire to have things, and he also has a problem with all his **emotions**, Christians included, and fear and anger are the two biggest emotions that plague us.

Colossians 3:19, “*Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them.*” tells the husbands to love their wives and not be embittered toward them. The husbands were bitter at their wives over something, and the passive voice tells us that they had **become** embittered in their souls for whatever the reason. Even in the home among believers, bitterness can be a problem. The command here is to stop an action in progress, so they were commanded to **stop being bitter** at them.

Paul has two commands here; one dealing with a positive issue, the other with a negative; both must be applied. The one has to do with starting an action, to start **loving** their wives with *agape* love, and this is important for it deals with having an *agape* mental attitude toward them, not personal love. And the other is to stop an action in progress, that is, they are embittered toward them and they are to **stop** it!

**Be not bitter against them** is *pros autas*; *pros* dealing with personal relationships. Now we know that it's wrong for husbands to be bitter toward their wives, we're not arguing that, but their bitterness is connected to something. The preceding verse gives us insight into this matter for it gets into a command that he has for the wives; they're to be in subjection to their husband's authority over them. “*Wives, **submit** yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord.*” Colossians 3:18

Paul gives three commands to husbands and wives. He wants the wives to be in submission only to their own husband's authority, which means that they are to stop fighting him over control of the home, to stop going behind his back, or manipulating situations. The problem is when wives fight their husbands' authority, when they are always arguing with him over things, or pitching a fit to get their way, when they respond to every whim of their children, but fight him every step of the way, then husbands often can become bitter toward their wives.

Now it's wrong for them to become bitter, hence the command of God for them to stop being bitter and to start loving their wives with the impersonal love of *agape*, but the wives need to see that it's just as wrong for them to be fighting their husband's authority! But even if the husband stops being bitter about the situation, then there still remains the problem of the wife's arrogance and rebellion against authority. Both problems need to be addressed by both parties.

“*Every wise woman buildeth her house: but the foolish plucketh it down with her hands.*” Proverbs 14:1  
Cannot the wife see that by her arrogance and rebellion against her husband's authority that she is tearing down her own home? Even if her husband is no longer bitter at her, she is still tearing down her own home by the training she is giving her children by her example of rebelling against authority in general! And not only that she is destroying any soul love relationship she has with her husband. Then we have the mandate from the Lord for wives to be in submission to their husbands as unto the Lord. “*Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.*” Ephesians 5:22

God wants the home to be place of harmony and peace; a place where the concepts of *agape* love and soul capacity love can grow and be expressed. But to have that both the husband and the wife have to apply the Word of God to their respective roles as husband and wife. When they do, then God will bless that home. And not only will they have God's blessings on their home they will be examples to their children of what God can do for them, if they also apply Bible Doctrine to their lives!

But when husbands are constantly embittered toward their wives and the wives are constantly refusing to respect their husband's authority, not to mention husbands and wives constantly lusting after the material things that Babylon offers to them, then the home becomes a battleground, instead of a place of peace and tranquility.

The seven feelings of the emotional complex are something that all people have, including born again Christians. They are a part of our flesh nature that we acquired from our parents through human birth and nothing was done to them, nothing was changed in them in our regeneration. The NT refers to the **flesh** nature as *sarx*, σαρκί, or the flesh, or sinful flesh, the old man, the old self, or the old sin nature. “For the **flesh** lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.” Galatians 5:17 The flesh also is susceptible to disease, aging, injury and physical death. It also is the source of over 28 categories of lust. In the OT the word used to denote this sinful side of man's nature is *enosh*.

There are two aspects of the flesh nature, one is psychological and the other is physiological. One deals with the concepts pertaining to the **soul**, the other to the **body**. Concerning the body, not the soul, the body is subject to physical decay, physical injury, physical disease and finally physical death. But concerning the soul the presence and influence of sin in the fleshly body affects the soul with the emotional complex and lusts. The soul is also susceptible to false teaching and mental illness.

Which takes us down to our passage in Galatians 5:17, “For the **flesh** lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.” What we find is that there is a conflict going on inside our souls, actually a war, that gets into the areas of stress in the soul, sin in the soul, defense mechanism of the soul and false doctrine in the soul. On the other side we have the filling of the Holy Spirit, the renewal of the new man, the metabolizing of Bible Doctrine by faith and living by faith in the new nature. These are the things of the flesh warring against the things of the Spirit.

When emotions, or **lusts** are present in the the soul, then the spiritual life dynamic is absent. We no longer have love, joy, peace, etc., but instead we have fear, anger, grief, guilt, envy, human love and human happiness phenomena taking place inside us. It's not just one battle, but an ongoing campaign of war inside us that prevents, or hinders us from living by faith and living in the filling of the Holy Spirit. “Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly **lusts**, which war against the soul;” 1 Peter 2:11

What this tells us is that when we get into repressing our emotions, which is a childhood self-defense mechanism of the flesh nature we learned growing up, and we do it in our adult lives, then that dynamic hinders, interferes and prevents the spiritual life dynamic of claiming the promises by faith and living in the filling of the Holy Spirit. And TMS is included in that fleshly dynamic because it is a defense mechanism designed to keep our “conscious mind's eye” off our emotions by distracting it to a physical problem.

Now the word for **lust** against the spirit is *epithumeo*, which can sometimes be used in a good sense, or a neutral sense, but usually in a bad sense. Paul usually used it in a bad sense. If he wanted to connote a good sense, he would use *epipotheo*. *Epithumeo* is man's inner striving for an objective, which may be a person, thing, or an experience. It is usually followed by the action of driving the individual to gratify that desire. It meant to be excited about something and had the ideas in it of: urges, passions, desires, or impulse. It was used of human aspirations in general in a bad sense. In a neutral or good sense epithumeo was used to express a particularly strong desire. It is the desire for all kinds of things, which in and of themselves may not be sinful. It isn't the object desired that makes a lust sinful, it is the **lusting that is the problem!** Lusting is a sin present in the flesh nature and is a highly destructive power. If not avoided, it will spread out like a thorny vine choking out any spiritual life phenomena taking place in our souls. The only solution for avoiding it is to remain filled with the Holy Spirit.

The **flesh** (*sarx*) **lusts** (*epithumeo*) against (*kata*) the **Spirit** (*pneuma*) and the **Spirit** (*pneuma*) **lusts** (*epithumeo*) against (*kata*) the **flesh** (*sarx*). And remember the flesh does not just refer to the lusts of the soul, but also the emotions of the soul, sin in the soul and the defense mechanisms of the soul, as well as the mental attitude of pride, (which dominates just about everything going on inside us), and thinking based on emotions or assumption!

**Kata** is used with both the flesh and the Spirit. What it denotes is hostility directed toward someone or some thing. When the hostility is between two parties, it speaks of an mutual antagonism between two irreconcilable adversaries, here the flesh and the Spirit. The attitude, goals and activities of the flesh toward the spiritual life dynamic of the Holy Spirit are totally hostile toward the Spirit, and so also are the attitudes, goals and activities of the Spirit hostile toward the flesh's dynamic. And what this tells us is that the flesh's defense mechanisms of the soul are hostile toward the spiritual life inside us!

The flesh nature not only includes lusts and the seven feelings of the emotional complex of fear, anger, guilt, grief, envy, human love and human happiness, but it also includes denial, dissociation, repression, suppression, projection, transference and tension myositis syndrome. The defense mechanisms of the soul are all concepts of the flesh nature and are contrary to the operation of the spiritual life dynamic found in the filling of the Holy Spirit.

It's important for believers to know this because there will come a time in their Christian life that they can't seem to get over a problem they have. They seem to be "locked into" something and their spiritual life just isn't there any more. The OT is full of examples of believers who get stuck in their fear, anger, guilt, etc., and when they do their spiritual walk with the Lord stops. That is, until they seek the Lord's face in the matter and deal with the problem. See Asaph in Psalms 73.

Many project their faults into others, but maybe they'll wake up one day and say, "I wonder if **I'm** the one with the problem?" Or if they're angry, maybe they'll wake up one day and stop blaming others for the reason they're angry and own up to their own anger, confess it to God and then find out why they're angry! There is no access to, or progress in the spiritual life until that believer acknowledges their wrongdoing to God. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9

The flesh is hostile toward the Spirit and the Spirit is hostile toward the flesh. What this tells us is that there is a spiritual battle going on inside of us, but there can only be one winner. We decide who the winner is going to be, the flesh or the Spirit. And as in a war there is the **offensive** and then there is the **defensive**. Only an offensive action can gain victory; a defensive action can only avoid defeat. So what this tells us is that we have to go on the offensive to gain the spiritual victory in our lives!

To be able to see the difference of **for** us, *huper*, and **against** us, *kata*, we need to see that the flesh is against (*kata*) us, while Christ died for (*huper*) us. *Kata* denotes an act that is hostile toward the good or betterment of the individual; it wants to hurt or destroy, while *huper* denotes action that is done for the benefit of the individual. That's why Peter wrote concerning the lusts, which is just one part of the flesh's dynamics, "Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war **against** (*kata*) the soul;" 1 Peter 2:11

This is why the Holy Spirit is against everything pertaining to the operation of the flesh nature because it is harmful and destructive to us! His war against our destructive flesh natures exists because he loves us and wants the best for us! As evidenced by Christ dying to save our souls.

We also need to understand that each one of us will have our own particular problems to deal with in the area of our emotions and lusts. Some will have a problem with their anger, while others it may be their fear, and still others guilt, certain defense mechanisms of the soul, TMS, etc.. In the area of our lusts, the strong desires and drive of the soul some will have more problems in one type of lusting than another believer. That's why the Word defines these areas so we can identify them in ourselves and deal with them doctrinally, so that we can enjoy the spiritual life.

Galatians 5:16, "*This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.*" gives us the secret for victory over the flesh and that is to **walk by means of the Spirit**. Bearing in mind that having victory over the flesh on a given day, where you stay in the filling of the Holy Spirit and enjoy the peace he gives, does not set you for life. It means you have won the battle that day, but it's a war that's going on and will be going on until we go to be with the Lord. There will be many battles, but one war and each battle we win will make us stronger expanding our capacity to enjoy God and life.

Now it says that these two, the flesh and the Spirit, are **contrary**, *antikeimai* - opposed to one another. That's because the flesh is by natural birth where the sin nature was passed down genetically, while the Spirit is by virtue of the new birth created by God the Father, who is the Father of our spirits. That's why when we pray to God as our Father it is because he created us anew on the inside. **So when we talk to him we need to be cognizant that the One we are talking to is the one who created us!** "*Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto **the Father of spirits**, and live?" Hebrews 12:9*

The Spirit of God brings repressed feelings to the surface for us to deal with them through doctrine and the filling of the Holy Spirit to have relief and freedom in the soul, while the flesh tries to keep them buried in the subconscious where there is no relief, no healing, only continued misery. It is this continual battle of bringing up versus pushing down that causes pressure and tension in the soul.

The problems that the flesh has will always be there, but it is only through the continued intake of Bible Doctrine, under the filling of the Holy Spirit that we will be able to overcome them. If we are rejecting Bible Doctrine, then we are rejecting the only solution for this scar tissue garbage of the soul and we are hurting ourselves. "*For whoso findeth me findeth life, and shall obtain favour of the LORD. But he that sinneth against me **wrongeth his own soul**: all they that hate me love death.*" Proverbs 8:35,36

An interesting shift in viewing our soul problems, other than them being a problem, is to view them as an impetus, an impelling force that forces us to go to God and his Word to get the answers, overcome the problem and move on in our spiritual life to higher ground.

It's not just the pressure of the world system and the attacks of the devil that force us to go to the Word in faith to maintain our spiritual life, which also causes our spirits to grow and mature; it's also the problems we have with the flesh's lusts, the flesh's emotions, including TMS and various other defense mechanisms of the soul that force us to go on in the Word to get answers and overcome them.

James refers to this dynamic when he talks about the various trials and sufferings we go through in life and how these sufferings are designed by God to be an impetus for Christian growth with the goal of the completion of our souls. "*My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye **may be perfect and entire**, wanting nothing.*" James 1:2,3 These trials are not just from external sources, but also from our soul problems.

## Categories Of Lust (Desires)

1. Power – the desire to be in control, to tell others what to do.
2. Approval – the desire to be well thought of, accepted by others.
3. Social – the desire to constantly be around people, interacting with them.
4. Sex – adultery, fornication, pornography, same sex, perversion, voyeurism.
5. Chemical – legal and illegal drugs, alcohol, tobacco, sugar, soft drinks, coffee, etc..
6. Money – wanting money, avarice, greed.
7. Ambition – the inordinate desire to succeed, to be on the top, to be above others.
8. Crusader – to follow a cause, start a cause, to get others to join your cause.
9. Revenge – the desire to get even, to hurt others.
10. Criminal – the desire to do what's wrong, to break the law.
11. Pleasure – to be occupied with pleasing the senses.
12. Materialism – the desire to accumulate things.
13. Security – the desire to feel safe, secure, to be taken care of.
14. Gluttony – to be occupied with eating, often emotion driven.
15. Stimulation – the desire to have the senses constantly stimulated.
16. Entertainment – the desire to be distracted from the realities and problems of life.
17. To be loved – the desire to be loved by a husband, wife, kids, parents, friends.
18. To be happy – a pleasant emotion coming from agreeable circumstances; not spiritual joy.
19. To have fun – momentary pleasant and exciting feeling derived from stimulus.
20. Success – the desire to be at the top, usually associated with money, careers, etc..
21. Retirement – the desire to be at ease, to no longer have to work.
22. For love – an emptiness in the soul hoping to fill by having someone to love, husband, wife.
23. Missed love – to have the love missed out on in childhood.
24. Covetousness – the desire to have more things.
25. Wanderlust – the desire to travel about, to be constantly on the move.
26. Blood lust – a frenzied desire to shed blood, to kill without restraint.
27. Information lust – the desire to constantly be accumulating knowledge.
28. Technological lust – the desire to absorb oneself into the many forms of technology.

Lusts are strong desires that can become drives that can drive us to action to seek gratification, which gives us a sense of pleasure that is short lived and non-fulfilling. These drives can become obsessions and finally addictions. When we are not filled with the Holy Spirit, then we will be living in one or more of our lusts patterns, and our emotions to one degree or another. But if living in the filling of the Holy Spirit, then we will be able to escape them. *“Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped (apopheugo) the corruption that is in the world through lust.”* 2 Peter 1:4

So that when it says that the flesh lusts against the Spirit and the Spirit against the flesh, it's saying that the seven emotional categories of fear, anger, guilt, (abnormal) grief, envy, human love and human happiness are hostile toward, counter-productive and prevent the operation of the spiritual life dynamic. They are so strong that when we get caught up in them they not only keep us out of the sphere of the spiritual life, but they can control and ruin our lives! The emotions can also be the driving force behind our lust patterns. Fear the driving force to get money and success; anger for crime and vengeance; guilt for acceptance and approval; love behind sex; happiness for fun; envy to acquire or steal things; grief to replace the loss, etc..

So what do we do? Live in the filling of the Holy Spirit and we will not fulfill the lusts of the flesh. The flesh will never stop lusting; it is incapable of not lusting; all it does is lust, so corrupted it is by the indwelling sin nature. And the same goes for the emotional complex of the flesh. Both the lust patterns and the emotional complex are a part of our fallen flesh nature, which we will leave behind when we go to be with the Lord. But when we are filled with the Holy Spirit, then we operate outside them!

But if we lose the filling of the Holy Spirit, then we go right back to the lusts and the emotions. The key to spiritual recovery is 1 John 1:9, “*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*” When we do, then we go back to the faith rest dynamic and occupying our minds with the teaching of God's Word.

I liken the operation of the flesh and the Spirit, the old nature and the new nature, as two generators; the one producing all the bad, destructive energy in our souls, and the other producing all the beneficial, good energy in our souls. Especially from the standpoint that when a generator starts up it takes time for it to slowly build up to its full level of operation and potential. And the same goes for when it shuts down, it takes time for it to slow down to the place where it is no longer producing any energy. It's a little simplistic, but it helps explain the lag time that sometimes takes place when one goes from being controlled by the flesh nature to being filled by the Holy Spirit.

The Bible uses the word **lusts** to translate *epithumeo*; the problem is that most equate the word lusts to things such as the lust for sex, drugs, etc., when it is a middle English word used to denote desires, or strong desires. Today we would define *epithumia* as 1) **desire** – a strong feeling or craving for anything that brings enjoyment or satisfaction that impels the individual to the attainment of the thing desired, whatever that thing is. 2) **drive** – a strong motivation that prompts the activity needed toward fulfilling or gratifying that desire. 3) **compulsion** – a very strong, almost irresistible impulse to perform an act, sometimes even against one's will. 4) **obsession** – the domination of the thoughts or feelings by a persistent idea, image, or desire; a preoccupation with a fixed idea, or feeling. 5) **gratification** – a temporary fulfilling of the desire, but it never leaves the individual satisfied; they must go off for more, either in that area, or another area.

These lusts of the flesh **war** against our souls. “*Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain (apechomai) from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;*” 1 Peter 2:11 When the gratification of a lust is delayed, then we get **frustrated**. When it is denied, then we get **angry and resentful!** Lust **delayed** – frustration; lust **denied** – anger!

Peter talks about escaping the flesh's lusts in 2 Peter 1:4, “*Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having **escaped** the corruption that is in the world through lust.*” and he uses the word *apopheugo* in doing so. It had the idea of being behind enemy lines as a soldier and trying to get back home, or a POW trying to get out of his prison camp, or maybe a Mexican jail.

Now we see more clearly the impetus here behind the idea of escaping the lusts of the flesh. The emotions and lusts of the flesh are tyrants bent only on destroying our well being and when we allow ourselves to come under their control, then we are definitely under the control of an evil master and the only thing we should be thinking about is how can we escape them! What this tells us is that we are going to really have to apply ourselves toward the goal of getting back to living in the sphere of the spiritual life dynamic. To do so we must not be focused on our lusts and emotions, but on the Word of God and faith.

The desire (lust) for entertainment comes in under the emotion of happiness and it is under the category of the lust for pleasure. **Entertainment** is an agreeable occupation for the mind, a diversion, something that holds the attention of the mind and offers pleasure away from serious or painful matters. Where a **diversion** for the mind is a distraction from business, care, or serious matters, an activity that stimulates or amuses. **Amusement** is something that holds the attention of someone in a pleasant manner, something that causes mirth or laughter.

The lust for pleasure or entertainment comes under the heading of wanting the feeling of happiness or fun. Once that is in place, then the individual will set a course of action whereby he/she can have it and seek gratification of their lust and emotion. Sporting events, personal sports, reading books, watching TV, listening to music, gambling, recreation, hobbies, favorite TV shows, crossword puzzles, video games, movies, card games, gambling, dancing, socializing with others are all a part of that.

Now there is nothing wrong with these things per se, but what the problem is that the believer has a lust to gratify a certain emotion and then they seek after those things. Like Israel who woke up to play, *“Neither be ye idolaters, as were some of them; as it is written, The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.”* 1 Corinthians 10:7 This **desire** leads to a **drive**, then a **compulsion** and finally an **obsession**. They live their lives like this, instead of living life in the new nature.

Now a certain amount of diversion is needed in life and is healthy as Ecclesiastes teaches, *“A time to weep, and a time to **laugh**; a time to mourn, and a time to **dance**.”* Ecclesiastes 3:4, but that is not the same as spending one's life in the pursuit of these things as we see so many doing today. The lust for pleasure and entertainment today is at such an all time high that people work all week long just so they can play on the weekends! Not only that they spend most of the day being entertained by music at their job, or in the car, and when they go home it's TV and video games. And then there are those who want to heighten their lust for pleasure and entertainment by using drugs and alcohol. And the weightier matters of God's Word, their families and the nation are ignored.

One of the problems with this is that they are ignoring the well being of their souls, which need the Word of God and the filling of the Holy Spirit. Another problem is that they end up squandering their time, money and lives on things of no importance. They are like children playing games. Another problem is that they have now entered into the category of structuring their lives so as to escape reality! This is psychologically unhealthy and should be a warning sign.

We all need at times to divert our minds from problems and pressures to things that are a little bit more pleasing and enjoyable, but what's happening today is that many believers live in the pursuit of their emotions and lusts, rather than living in the Word of God! This has become such a problem in the Church here in America that Christians have found a way to combine the two, the “spiritual life” and their lust for pleasure and entertainment into their “worship” services! Skits, plays, pageantry, drama, media events, rock and roll and contemporary music now saturate today's churches worship services.

Paul brought out that this will be a major problem in the Last Days leading up to Christ's return to earth. *“For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away *their* ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.”* 2 Timothy 4:3,4 And that they will be lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, *“This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,”* 2 Timothy 3:1,2 *“Lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;”* 2 Timothy 4:4