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**18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.**

## **Galatians 5:19-21**

**19 Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness,**

**20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies,**

**21 envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.**

## Top Tier

- Adultery
- Fornication
- Uncleaness
- Lewdness
- Idolatry
- Sorcery

## Middle Tier

- Hatred
- Contention
- Jealousies
- Outbursts of wrath
- Selfish ambitions
- Dissensions
- Heresies
- Envy
- Murders

## Bottom Tier

- Drunkenness
- Revelries

## **Romans 13:11-14**

**11 And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed.**

**12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light.**

**13 Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy.**

**14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.**

# The MIDDLE Flesh

## An Expose

# What It Looks Like

Conflict – The Face of the MIDDLE Flesh

# Top/Bottom Tiers (Classic)

- **Adultery** – sexual promiscuity related to marriage (real or imagined)
  - **Fornication** – any sexual promiscuity
  - **Uncleanness** – sexual impurity (nudity, promiscuity) [medias]
  - **Lewdness** – sexual perversion
  - **Idolatry** – natural or created objects worshipped as deity; covetousness, greed, food
  - **Sorcery** – drug addiction
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- **Drunkenness** – intoxication
  - **Revelries** – drinking parties



# MIDDLE Flesh

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- **Jealousies** – fear of losing someone you have
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- **Selfish ambitions** – consumed with one's own interests, benefits, welfare
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## Mark 12:29-30

**29** Jesus answered him, “The first of all the commandments is: ‘Hear, O Israel, the LORD our God, the LORD is one.

**30** And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ This is the first commandment.

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Accusation – The Voice of the MIDDLE Flesh

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## Revelation 12:10-11

**10 Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, “Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down.**

**11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.**

## **James 3:13-16**

**13 Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct that his works are done in the meekness of wisdom.**

**14 But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth.**

**15 This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic.**

**16 For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there.**

## **Proverbs 4:25-27**

**25 Let your eyes look straight ahead,  
And your eyelids look right before you.**

**26 Ponder the path of your feet,  
And let all your ways be established.**

**27 Do not turn to the right or the left;  
Remove your foot from evil.**

## **2 Corinthians 10:4-5**

**4 For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds,**

**5 casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ**



# How To Beat It

Love – The Death of the MIDDLE Flesh

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## **Romans 13:11-14**

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## **Ephesians 4:26–27**

**26 “Be angry, and do not sin”: do not let the sun go down on your wrath,  
27 nor give place to the devil.**

## **1 John 5:18**

**18 We know that whoever is born of God does not sin; but he who has been born of God keeps himself, and the wicked one does not touch him.**

## Romans 8:5-6, 12-13

**5 Those who are motivated by the flesh only pursue what benefits themselves. But those who live by the impulses of the Holy Spirit are motivated to pursue spiritual realities.**

**6 For the mind-set of the flesh is death, but the mindset controlled by the Spirit finds life and peace.**

**12 So then, beloved ones, the flesh has no claims on us at all, and we have no further obligation to live in obedience to it.**

**13 For when you live controlled by the flesh, you are about to die. But if the life of the Spirit puts to death the corrupt ways of the flesh, we then taste his abundant life. [TPT]**

## **Philippians 4:6-8**

**6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;**

**7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.**

**8 Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.**

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**22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,**

**23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.**

## **1 Corinthians 13:4-8a**

**4 Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up;**

**5 does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil;**

**6 does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth;**

**7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.**

**8a Love never fails.**

## **Colossians 3:12-15**

**12 Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering;**

**13 bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do.**

**14 But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.**

**15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.**



## **James 3:17-18**

**17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.**

**18 Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.**

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