



Double Portion:

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SCRIPTURES

- #1 Numbers 30-32
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- I Peter 4:1-11
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DISSIPATION OR THE SPIRIT

- Instructions for Christians
- Instructions for Israelites
- Live Like a Pagan—Suffer Like a Pagan
- Self-Assessment

When you were saved into your new life, it was required (not recommended) that you leave your old life behind. Many times along their wilderness journey, Israel was given specific warnings about entering their new life, the Promised Land. Destroy every remnant of pagan worship, idolatry and sexual temptation, or IT WILL come back to haunt you. They were ordered to remember Egypt, from where they came, and to consider Canaan, where they were going. The mandate: “DO NOT do what those nations do in any way!”

For Christians, the mandate is the same! You must “no longer live the rest of your new life in the lusts of the flesh, but for the will of Yahweh. You have spent enough of your old life in doing the will

of the Pagans—so, if after you have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Y’shua, you are again entangled in them and overcome, the latter end will be worse for you than the beginning. It would have been better for you not to have known the way of righteousness, than to have known it and then turn away from God’s holy commandments.

Pick a life—go back to the same flood of dissipation or live by the Spirit!

THEME: MAIN SCRIPTURE(S) THAT HAS INSPIRED MESSAGE

““Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: ‘When you have crossed the Jordan into the land of Canaan, then you shall drive out all the inhabitants of the land from before you, **destroy all their engraved stones, destroy all their molded images, and demolish all their high places**; you shall dispossess the inhabitants of the land and dwell in it, for I have given you the land to possess.’”
Numbers 33:51-53 NKJV

“But if you do not drive out the inhabitants of the land from before you, then it shall be that those whom you let remain **shall be irritants in your eyes and thorns in your sides, and they shall harass you in the land where you dwell**. Moreover it shall be that **I will do to you as I thought to do to them.**” Numbers 33:55-56
NKJV

OUTCOME: MAIN TAKEAWAY(S) I AM HOPING FOR PEOPLE

“Therefore, since Christ suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same mind, for he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, **that he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh for the lusts of men, but for the will of God. For we have spent enough of our past lifetime in doing the will of the Gentiles**—when we walked in lewdness, lusts, drunkenness, revelries, drinking parties, and abominable idolatries. In regard to these, they think it strange that you do not run with them in **the same flood of dissipation**, speaking evil of you.” I Peter 4:1-4 NKJV

“For if, **after they have escaped the pollutions of the world** through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, **they are again entangled in them and overcome, the latter end is worse for them than the beginning.** For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered to them. But it has happened to them according to the true proverb: “A dog returns to his own vomit,” and, “a sow, having washed, to her wallowing in the mire.”” II Peter 2:20-22 NKJV

Let's Set the Scene: Portion in a blurb

1. **KEM Statement about Double Portions:** The Torah is divided into 54 weekly readings meant to be explored throughout each biblical calendar year called the annual Torah cycle. Yet, the normal length of a biblical year is counted by lunar (moon) cycles, not a solar (sun) cycle, and has only 354 days, which yields only 50 or 51 sabbaths on which to do those readings. The biblical "leap year" adds an extra month every 3 years which then adds 4 sabbaths for reading. In addition, a few of the readings each year are meant to be read on biblical feast days and not on the weekly sabbath. So to insure that each year all of the portions are read, some weeks have double portion readings. This can happen up to 7 times in any Biblical calendar year, differing dependent on when the feasts days fall and if we are in a leap year. This week calls for one of those double portion readings.

The First Portion this Week:

2. Numbers 30-32: Numbers 30 discusses laws of vows and oaths. Numbers 31 tells the story of Israel's war with Midian. Numbers 32 relates the story of how the Reubenites, the Gadites and the half-tribe of Mannaseh came to inherit the land east of the Jordan River.

The Second Portion this Week:

3. Numbers 33-36: The last reading from the book of Numbers, recounts the "journeys" of Israel. It settles several last-minute details. In it we find a list of the encampments from Egypt to the plains of Moab. We also find instructions for apportioning the land, as well as the specifics regarding the borders of the land. Moses introduces the laws of the cities of refuge and more inheritance laws.
4. This final portion is the end of the continuous narrative of Torah that began in Genesis with the creation of the universe. The narrative does not resume until the end of Deuteronomy, when Moses dies.

Portion One: Numbers 30-32

Numbers 30

5. **The Law Concerning Vows:** These are the statutes which the LORD commanded Moses, between a man and his wife, and between a father and his daughter in her youth in her father's house." Numbers 30:16 NKJV
6. If a man makes a vow, he shall keep it. that simple!
7. If a young woman makes a vow and she is still under her father's roof, he has to right to overrule it. If he does not, it stands; if he does overrule it on the same day he hears of it,

then the vow is not binding. If she is married, her husband holds that same authority.

8. If a widow or a divorced woman made a vow while still in her husband's house (when they were married or he was still alive), then the same rules apply.

Numbers 31

9. This chapter catalogs the very events Balak had hoped to avoid, Israel's defeat of the Midianites.
10. **Vengeance on the Midianites:** Israel goes to war with 1000 men from each tribe (twelve thousand) with Phinehas and Eleazar along with with the holy articles and the signal trumpets. All the kings of Midian and all the males are slaughtered, including Balaam (the insidious prophet for hire; he should have never second-guessed Yahweh or instigated Israel's harlotry). The women are taken captive, and the spoils are collected and the cities burned.
11. **The Return from War:** Moses is not happy that the women were kept alive! Why? *"Look, these women caused the children of Israel, through the counsel of Balaam, to trespass against the LORD in the incident of Peor, and there was a plague among the congregation of the LORD."* Numbers 31:16

12. So kill every male child and kill every woman who is not a virgin. Here is what you need do when you defeat an enemy in battle:

(a) *“Only the gold, the silver, the bronze, the iron, the tin, and the lead, everything that can endure fire, you shall put through the fire, and it shall be clean; and it shall be purified **with the water of purification**. But all that cannot endure fire you shall put through water.”* Numbers 31:22-23

13. **Remember the Waters of Purification were made with the ashes of the red heifer:** *Then a man who is clean shall gather up the ashes of the heifer, and store them outside the camp in a clean place; and they shall be kept for the congregation of the children of Israel for the **water of purification**; it is for purifying from sin.* Numbers 19:9

14. **Dividing the Plunder:** the plunder is divided in two parts (the total of what was taken is cataloged). Half will go to the 12,000 men who went to battle and the other half to the rest of the people. Remember: Moses just took another census in Numbers 26 and there were 601,730 men (not including Levites.) Scholars estimate that there were approximately 3 million people including woman and children.

- (a) So, 2% of the men (12,000) gets 50% of the plunder, and 98% of the men (589,730), plus their families (2.4 million), get the other 50%.
- (b) Plus everyone must give a part of their share to the Levites who keep charge of the tabernacle (as we know they have no inheritance and are always provided for by Yahweh).
- (c) Each man of war must give 1/500th of their take to the priests and each of the people must give 1/50th. So, the blessing for going to battle verses sitting on the sidelines is astronomical!
- (d) One final detail: The men who went to war, in addition to the booty divided by the priests, had collected many items of gold jewelry along the way that they get to keep.
- (e) **Catch this amazing testimony:** the officers of those men did a head count after they got back and they had NOT LOST ONE MAN in the battle. In great appreciation they collected all that gold (sixteen thousand seven hundred and fifty shekels) and brought it to the Eleazar in great thanks and as a memorial of this outrageous miracle of ZERO CASUALTIES, and for all the people to remember forever!

Numbers 32

15. **Tribes Settling East of the Jordan:** Reuben and Gad had such a multitude of livestock and they see that there is some land on the east side of the Jordan that is perfect to use. They ask Moses,

Eleazar and other leaders if they can stay on the east side of the Jordan to settle. The only complication Moses sees is that if they do so, they will exempt themselves from fighting the battles across the Jordan in the promised land. He warns, "Don't make the mistake your forefathers did the first time they had a chance to go into the land!" Plus your brothers will be discouraged that you are not with them in the fight. If you do this, Yahweh's fierce anger might even be greater than it was back 40 years ago.

16. So the Reubenites and Gadites say they will build their sheepfolds on this side and then they will arm themselves and go over with their brothers until they have the victory. *"We will not return to our homes until every one of the children of Israel has received his inheritance."*

17. Moses says that if they fulfill their promise, it will be acceptable and they will be blameless. But if they go back on their word, they will be sinning against Yahweh! So go build your cities and sheepfolds on this side and then prep for battle. This applied to the Reubenites, Gadites and to half the tribe of Manasseh.

Second Portion: Numbers 33-36

Numbers 33

18. Israel's journey from Egypt is reviewed from the moment they left Egypt all the way up to where they are right now, looking across the Jordan. Each starting and stopping place is named. Of

note is that they, of course, left Egypt in the first month, on the fifteenth day of the first month; on the day after the Passover. They did so while Egypt was dealing with their dead firstborns and reeling over the total annihilation of their gods (as Yahweh executed judgment on each of them during the plagues.)

19. Special mention is made of Aaron's death in the fortieth year after the children of Israel had come out of the land of Egypt, at one hundred and twenty-three years old.

20. **Instructions for Conquest of Canaan:** Pay attention here! When you cross over, you better drive out the inhabitants, and destroy all things they use to worship their gods. Then divide the land according to the plan I gave you. If you don't drive all of them out, it will come back to bite you!

(a) *"But if you do not drive out the inhabitants of the land from before you, then it shall be that those whom you let remain shall be irritants in your eyes and thorns in your sides, and they shall harass you in the land where you dwell. Moreover it shall be that I will do to you as I thought to do to them."*

Numbers 33:55-56 NKJV

Numbers 34

21. **The Appointed Boundaries of Canaan:** The northern, southern, western and eastern borders are detailed and we are reminded that Reuben, Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh have received

their inheritance on the east side of the Jordan, across from Jericho eastward, toward the sunrise.

22. **Leaders Appointed to Divide the Land:** one leader of every tribe by name is assigned to divide the land for the inheritance.

Numbers 35

23. Cities are assigned to the Levites as they have no land inheritance. They are to be given from the other tribes plus common land around the cities for their livestock. And the common-land around the cities is designated. (It is fascinating how the cities of the Levites shall be in the middle of a perfect square of land, much the same way the New Jerusalem in Revelation 21:9-27 will be a perfect cube!)

24. Six Cities of Refuge (three on each side of the Jordan) are designated for someone who kills someone by accident. The cities are for the children of Israel, for the stranger, and for the sojourner among them.

25. Clear distinctions are made between accidents, murders and revenge. The congregation shall judge between these. And the one who has committed an accident may use the cities of refuge and return to his home after the death of the high priest.

26. You may take no payoffs to let someone skirt the penalty for murder.

Numbers 36

27. **Marriage of Female Heirs:** The final chapter of Numbers, chapter 36, expands on the ruling about inheritance that we saw in Numbers 27:1-11, when the daughters of Zelophehad brought their concerns to Moses. Will women lose their family land or family name if their father dies without sons? *“Why should the name of our father be removed from among his family because he had no son? Give us a possession among our father’s brothers.”* Numbers 27:4

(a) Moses brought their case before Yahweh and Yahweh agrees.

“If a man dies and has no son, then you shall cause his inheritance to pass to his daughter. If he has no daughter, then you shall give his inheritance to his brothers. If he has no brothers, then you shall give his inheritance to his father’s brothers. And if his father has no brothers, then you shall give his inheritance to the relative closest to him in his family, and he shall possess it. Numbers 27:8-11

(b) Now in Numbers 36:1-13, Moses adds to this ruling, instructing that if these land-owning daughters later marry, they must marry within their tribe so that the tribal land does not change hands to another tribe. *“Let them marry whom they think best, but they may marry only **within the family of their father’s tribe.**’ So the inheritance of the children of Israel shall not change hands from tribe to tribe, for every*

one of the children of Israel shall keep the inheritance of the tribe of his fathers.” Numbers 36:6-7 NKJV

28. You can see last year’s teaching on this double portion here:

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INSTRUCTIONS, WARNINGS & CONSEQUENCES—FOR THE CHRISTIAN

1. You’ve spent enough of your life living like a Pagan!

A. Dissipation

(1) The will of Yahweh vs. The will of the Gentiles

(a) “Therefore, since Christ suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same mind, for he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, **that he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh for the lusts of men, but for the will of God. For we have spent enough of our past lifetime in doing the will of the Gentiles**—when we walked in lewdness, lusts, drunkenness, revelries, drinking parties, and abominable idolatries. In regard to these, they think it strange that you do not run with them in **the same flood of dissipation**, speaking evil of you.” I Peter 4:1-4 NKJV

1. How much of your life have you spent doing your own will? You are no longer permitted to live your life

chasing the lusts of men, which is equated to the “will of the Gentiles”.

2. **Dissipation:**

- a) debauchery, decadence, dissoluteness, dissolution, intemperance, immoderation, excess, self-indulgence, wildness; depravity, corruption, sinfulness, immorality, impurity; licentiousness, promiscuity, wantonness, lustfulness
- b) squandering, draining, depletion...

(2) Walk circumspectly vs. Walk as a Fool

- (a) “See then that **you walk circumspectly, not as fools** but as wise, **redeeming the time**, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not be drunk with wine, **in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit**, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another in the fear of God.” Ephesians 5:15-21 NKJV

1. Time is short. You must live with purpose and be deliberate in your choices. A life in the Spirit is the antithesis of dissipation.

B. Flesh vs. Spirit

- (1) Walk according to the flesh or the Spirit

(a) “There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, **who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.** For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: **He condemned sin in the flesh, that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.** For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. For to be **carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life** and peace. Because the carnal mind is **enmity against God**; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the

flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His. And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.” Romans 8:1-11 NKJV

1. A life in the faith is one that brings no condemnation, but there is a stipulation: walk according to the Spirit and not according to the flesh. Whatever you set your mind to focus on is what you will have, a life in the flesh brings death or a life in the Spirit brings life. The righteousness of the law is fulfilled by walking according to the Spirit, but the carnal mind has enmity against God and His laws!
- (2) The Flesh and the Spirit are contrary to one another
 - (a) “I say then: **Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another**, so that you do not do the things that you wish. But if you are led by the Spirit, you

are not under the law. **Now the works of the flesh are** evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, 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.” Galatians 5:16-21 NKJV

(b) **Fruit of the Spirit:** “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. And those who are Christ’s have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.” Galatians 5:22-26 NKJV

1. It’s pretty obvious: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. And the Spirit and the flesh are contrary to one another. The works of the flesh are evident as is the fruit of the Spirit.

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B. Walk circumspectly vs. Walk as a Fool

(1) Time is short. You must live with purpose and be deliberate in your choices. A life in the Spirit is the antithesis of dissipation.

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death or a life in the Spirit brings life. The righteousness of the law is fulfilled by walking according to the Spirit, but the carnal mind has enmity against God and His laws!

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INSTRUCTIONS, WARNINGS & CONSEQUENCES—FOR THE ISRAELITE

2. You shall not worship the Lord your God with such things!

A. Instructions for the Conquest of Canaan

- (1) Pay attention here!
 - (a) When you cross over, you better drive out the inhabitants, and destroy all things they use to worship their gods. Then divide the land according to the plan I gave you. If you don't drive all of them out, it will come back to bite you!

B. Get your eyes off pagan ways and obey Yahweh!

- (1) Utterly destroy all remnants of pagan worship and lifestyle!

- (a) **““These are the statutes and judgments which you shall be careful to observe in the land** which the Lord God of your fathers is giving you to possess, all the days that you live on the earth. **You shall utterly destroy all the places where the nations which you shall dispossess served their gods,** on the high mountains and on the hills and under every green tree. **And you shall destroy their altars, break their sacred pillars, and burn their wooden images with fire; you shall cut down the carved images of their gods and destroy their names** from that place. **You shall not worship the Lord your God with such things.** But you shall seek the place where the Lord your God chooses, out of all your tribes, to put His name for His dwelling place; and there you shall go.” Deuteronomy 12:1-5 NKJV
- (2) Remember from where you came and pay attention to where you are going—There is NO LIFE in those things!
- (a) “Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, “Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: ‘I am the Lord your God. **According to the doings of the land of Egypt, where you dwelt, you shall not do; and according to the doings of the land of Canaan, where I am bringing you, you shall not do; nor shall you walk in their**

ordinances. You shall observe My judgments and keep My ordinances, to walk in them: I am the Lord your God. You shall therefore keep My statutes and My judgments, which **if a man does, he shall live by them:** I am the Lord.” Leviticus 18:1-5 NKJV

1. You shall not worship the Lord your God with such things! What things? Anything that the pagans do for their gods, any methods they worship or articles they use, or any of their ceremonies or practices.
2. Remember Egypt—Don’t do that! Look at Canaan—Don’t do that. What shall you do? Obey Yahweh’s judgements and ordinances! Do the former and it brings death; do the latter and you shall have life!

C. And from Today’s Torah Portion

- (1) When you cross over...(have you crossed over?)
 - (a) ““Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: **‘When you have crossed** the Jordan into the land of Canaan, then you shall drive out all the inhabitants of the land from before you, **destroy all their engraved stones, destroy all their molded images, and demolish all their high places;** you shall dispossess the inhabitants of the land and dwell in it, for I have given you the land to possess.” Numbers 33:51-53 NKJV

- (2) If you don't remove paganism from your midst, you will be drawn to it, and the consequence Yahweh has for the pagans will be for you also!
- (a) "But if you do not drive out the inhabitants of the land from before you, then it shall be that those whom you let remain **shall be irritants in your eyes and thorns in your sides, and they shall harass you in the land where you dwell.** Moreover it shall be that I will do to you as I thought to do to them." Numbers 33:55-56 NKJV
1. When you cross over into your new life, utterly destroy everything that might hinder your worship of Yahweh!
 2. If you don't, those very things will become a thorn in your side in your new life. Oh, and you will suffer the same consequences as the pagans!

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A. Pay attention here!

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divide the land according to the plan I gave you. If you don't drive all of them out, it will come back to bite you

- (2) Utterly destroy all remnants of pagan worship and lifestyle! *[Remember what we just heard from Peter—that he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh for the lusts of men, but for the will of God. For we have spent enough of our past lifetime in doing the will of the Gentiles —and... after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the latter end is worse for them than the beginning.]*
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 - (a) You shall not worship the Lord your God with such things! What things? Anything that the pagans do for their gods, any methods they worship or articles they use, or any of their ceremonies or practices.
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YOU LIVE LIKE A PAGAN—YOU SUFFER LIKE A PAGAN

3. Do you still want to be considered a Gentile?

A. Once Gentiles—But no longer!

- (1) Leave your Pagan ways and put to death your enmity of Yahweh's Laws
- (a) "Therefore remember that you, **once Gentiles in the flesh**—who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands— **that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise**, having no hope and without God in the world. **But now in Christ Jesus [you have crossed over]** you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For He Himself is our

peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, **having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances**, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, **thereby putting to death the enmity**. And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.” Ephesians 2:11-18
NKJV

(2) Get Spiritually minded!

(a) “For “who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?” **But we have the mind of Christ.**” I

Corinthians 2:16 NKJV

(b) “For to be carnally minded is death, but to be **spiritually minded** is life and peace. **Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God**, nor indeed can be.” Romans 8:6-7 NKJV

(c) “that he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh for the lusts of men, but for the will of God. **For we have spent enough of our past lifetime in doing the will of the Gentiles—...**” I Peter 4:2-3 NKJV

1. If you are a follower of Y'shua you are NO LONGER a Gentile (pagan).
2. You are now part of the family of Israel and privileged to the same covenants.
3. As such you will not have hatred toward Yahweh or His laws.
4. Remember, it is the carnal mind that hates God and His laws and you have spent enough of your old life doing that! You now have the mind of Christ!

B. I will do to you as I thought to do to them

- (1) This is worth repeating!
 - (a) "But if you do not drive out the inhabitants of the land from before you, then it shall be that those whom you let remain **shall be irritants in your eyes and thorns in your sides, and they shall harass you in the land where you dwell.** Moreover it shall be that **I will do to you as I thought to do to them.**" Numbers 33:55-56 NKJV
- (2) Here is the downward spiral that will earn you the inheritance of a pagan!
 - (a) "**For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,** because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has

shown it to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, because, **although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools,** and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things. **Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts,** to dishonor their bodies among themselves, **who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator [that's why you need to eliminate all remnants of paganism—because you will go back to them!],** who is blessed forever. Amen.”

Romans 1:18-25 NKJV

- (b) **“For this reason God gave them up to vile passions.** For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men **committing what is shameful,**

and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due.” Romans 1:26-27 NKJV

(c) **“And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind [the carnal mind that has enmity against Yahweh and His Laws], to do those things which are not fitting; being filled with [here is another one of those lists!] all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they are whisperers, backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful; **who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death [I will do to you as I thought to do to them.] Numbers 33:56], not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.” Romans 1:28-32 NKJV****

1. If you insist on maintaining your pagan ways you will be treated as a pagan.
2. Yahweh will do to you what He thought to do to them.

3. The wrath of God will be revealed.
 - a) You will become futile in your thoughts
 - b) Your foolish hearts will become darkened
 - c) God will give you up to uncleanness, in the lusts of your heart
 - d) God will give you over to vile passions
 - e) God will give you over to a debased mind
 - f) You will know the righteous judgment of God, because those who practice such things are deserving of death!

C. Who taught you that you could still dabble?

- (1) A dog returns to his own vomit
 - (a) “For when they speak great swelling words of emptiness, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through lewdness, the ones who have actually escaped from those who live in error. While they promise them liberty, they themselves are slaves of corruption; for by whom a person is overcome, by him also he is brought into bondage. **For if, after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the latter end is worse for them than the beginning.** For it would have been better for

them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered to them. But it has happened to them according to the true proverb: ***“A dog returns to his own vomit,”** and, “a sow, having washed, to her wallowing in the mire.”” II Peter 2:18-22 NKJV

(2) Do not conform to old lusts!

(a) “Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; as obedient children, **not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance;** but as He who called you is holy, **you also be holy [set-apart from the world]** in all your conduct, because it is written, “Be holy, for I am holy.”” I Peter 1:13-16 NKJV

(3) Willful sin AFTER you know the truth!

(a) “For if we **sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins,** but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries. Anyone who has rejected Moses’ law dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. **Of how much worse punishment, do you**

suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace?" Hebrews 10:26-29 NKJV

1. "As a dog returns to his own vomit, So a fool repeats his folly." Proverbs 26:11 NKJV
2. Do not conform to your former lusts!
3. If, after you have escaped the pollutions of the world you are again entangled in them and overcome, you will be worse off than having never known the truth in the first place.
4. If we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, the punishment will be worthy of a person who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, and counted the blood of the covenant worthless!

Summary: YOU LIVE LIKE A PAGAN—YOU SUFFER LIKE A PAGAN

1. Do you still want to be considered a Gentile?

- A. Leave your Pagan ways and put to death your enmity of Yahweh's Laws
- B. Get Spiritually minded!

- (1) If you are a follower of Y'shua you are NO LONGER a Gentile (pagan).
- (2) You are now part of the family of Israel and privileged to the same covenants.
- (3) As such you will not have hatred toward Yahweh or His laws.
- (4) Remember, it is the carnal mind that hates God and His laws and you have spent enough of your old life doing that! You now have the mind of Christ!
- (5) Here is the downward spiral that will earn you the inheritance of a pagan!
 - (a) If you insist on maintaining your pagan ways you will be treated as a pagan.
 - (b) Yahweh will do to you what He thought to do to them.
 - (c) The wrath of God will be revealed.
 1. You will become futile in your thoughts
 2. Your foolish hearts will become darkened
 3. God will give you up to uncleanness, in the lusts of your heart
 4. God will give you over to vile passions
 5. God will give you over to a debased mind

6. You will know the righteous judgment of God, because those who practice such things are deserving of death!
- (6) A dog returns to his own vomit: Who taught you that you could still dabble?
- (7) Do not conform to old lusts!
- (8) Willful sin AFTER you know the truth!
- (a) "As a dog returns to his own vomit, So a fool repeats his folly." Proverbs 26:11 NKJV
- (b) Do not conform to your former lusts!
- (c) If, after you have escaped the pollutions of the world you are again entangled in them and overcome, you will be worse off than having never known the truth in the first place.
- (d) If we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, the punishment will be worthy of a person who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, and counted the blood of the covenant worthless!

SELF-ASSESSMENT

4. **It's time for an honest Self-Assessment:**

A. Which describes you best?

- Fleshly Lusts**

□ **Honorable Conduct**

“Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, **abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul, having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles**, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation.” I Peter 2:11-12 NKJV

□ **Suffering for doing good**

□ **Suffering for doing evil**

“But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear; **having a good conscience, that when they defame you as evildoers, those who revile your good conduct in Christ may be ashamed**. For it is better, if it is the will of God, to suffer for **doing good** than for **doing evil**.” I Peter 3:15-17 NKJV

□ **Living for the will of God**

□ **Living for the will of the Gentiles**

“Therefore, since Christ suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same mind, for he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, **that he no longer should live**

the rest of his time in the flesh for the lusts of men, but for the will of God. For we have spent enough of our past lifetime in doing the will of the Gentiles—when we walked in lewdness, lusts, drunkenness, revelries, drinking parties, and abominable idolatries. In regard to these, they think it strange that you do not run with them in **the same flood of dissipation**, speaking evil of you. **They will give an account to Him** who is ready to judge the living and the dead. For this reason the gospel was preached also to those who are dead, **that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit.**” 1 Peter 4:1-6 NKJV

□ **Salted**

□ **Unsalted**

“Now great multitudes went with Him. And He turned and said to them, “If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple. And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has enough to finish it— lest, after he has laid the foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, ‘This man

began to build and was not able to finish'? Or what king, going to make war against another king, does not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? Or else, while the other is still a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks conditions of peace. So likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple. **"Salt is good; but if the salt has lost its flavor, how shall it be seasoned?"** It is neither fit for the land nor for the dunghill, but men throw it out. He who has ears to hear, let them hear!"

Luke 14:25-35 NKJV

❑ **Walking as the Gentile old man**

❑ **Walking as the righteous new man**

"This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that **you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk**, in the **futility of their mind, having their understanding darkened**, being alienated from the life of God, because of the **ignorance** that is in them, because of the **blindness of their heart**; who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. **But you have not so learned Christ**, if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: that you **put off, concerning your**

former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.” Ephesians 4:17-22, 24 NKJV

❑ **Sons of disobedience**

❑ **Children of light**

“Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma. **But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints; neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting,** which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks. For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. **Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.** Therefore do not be partakers with them. For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. **Walk as children of light** (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. **And have no fellowship with the**

unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light.”
Ephesians 5:1-13 NKJV

□ **Old man and his deeds**

□ **New man in His Image**

“If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. **Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.** When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. **Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth:** fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. **Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience,** in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them. **But now you yourselves are to put off all these:** anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. Do not lie to one another, **since you have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,**

where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.” Colossians 3:1-11 NKJV

□ **Walking circumspectly**

□ **Walking in dissipation**

“See then that you **walk circumspectly**, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not be drunk with wine, **in which is dissipation**; but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another in the fear of God.” Ephesians 5:15-21 NKJV

□ **The love of the world**

□ **The love of the Father**

“**Do not love the world or the things in the world.** If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the **lust of the flesh**, the **lust of the eyes**, and the **pride of life**—is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does

the will of God abides forever.” I John 2:15-17 NKJV [See: [Do Not Love the World—PART I & PART II](#)]

□ **Uncleanness**

□ **Holiness**

“For **this is the will of God, your sanctification**: that you should abstain from sexual immorality; that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, **not in passion of lust, like the Gentiles** who do not know God; that no one should take advantage of and defraud his brother in this matter, because the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also forewarned you and testified. For **God did not call us to uncleanness, but in holiness. Therefore he who rejects this does not reject man, but God**, who has also given us His Holy Spirit.” I Thessalonians 4:3-8 NKJV

□ **Looking back**

□ **Reaching ahead**

“But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, not

having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; **but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Therefore let us, as many as are mature, have this mind;** and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal even this to you. Nevertheless, to the degree that we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us be of the same mind."

Philippians 3:7-16 NKJV

☐ **You living through you**

☐ **Christ living through you**

"I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh

I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.” Galatians 2:20 NKJV

- **Practicing righteousness**
- **Believing sin is inevitable**

“Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness. And you know that He was manifested to take away our sins, and in Him there is no sin. **Whoever abides in Him does not sin.** Whoever sins has neither seen Him nor known Him. Little children, let no one deceive you. **He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous.** He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil. **Whoever has been born of God does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God.”** I John 3:4-9 NKJV

- **Tolerating sin**
- **Judging sin**

“It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and such sexual immorality as is not even named among the Gentiles—that a man has his father’s wife! And you are

puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he who has done this deed might be taken away from among you. For I indeed, as absent in body but present in spirit, have already judged (as though I were present) him who has so done this deed. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when you are gathered together, along with my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, **deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.**" (I Corinthians 5:1-5 NKJV)... "I wrote to you in my epistle **not to keep company with sexually immoral people.** Yet **I certainly did not mean with the sexually immoral people of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out of the world.** But now I have written to you **not to keep company with anyone named a brother, who is sexually immoral, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or an extortioner—not even to eat with such a person.** For what have I to do with judging those also who are outside? **Do you not judge those who are inside?** But those who are outside God judges. Therefore "put away from yourselves the evil person.'" I Corinthians 5:9-13 NKJV

- ❑ **Washed Clean**
- ❑ **Still fornicating and idolizing**

“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, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.” I Corinthians 6:9-11 NKJV

□ **Resting**

□ **Disobedient**

“Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it. For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it. For we who have believed do enter that rest, as He has said: “So I swore in My wrath, ‘They shall not enter My rest,’ ” although the works were finished from the foundation of the world. **For He has spoken in a certain place of the seventh day in this way: “And God rested on the seventh day from all His works”**; and again in this place: “They shall not enter My rest.” Since therefore it remains that some must enter it, and those to whom it was first preached

did not enter because of disobedience, again He designates a certain day, saying in David, “Today,” after such a long time, as it has been said: “Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts.” For if Joshua had given them rest, then He would not afterward have spoken of another day. There remains therefore a rest for the people of God. **For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God did from His. Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience.** For **the word of God is living and powerful**, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a **discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.** And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.”
Hebrews 4:1-13 NKJV

❑ **Good Stewards of the grace of God**

❑ **Grumbling and complaining**

“But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your **prayers**. And **above all things have fervent love for one another, for “love will cover a multitude of sins.”** **Be hospitable** to one another without grumbling. As each one

has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen." I Peter 4:7-11 NKJV

Summary: SELF-ASSESSMENT

1. It's time for an honest Self-Assessment:

A. Which describes you best? (Pick one from each pair)

- Fleshly Lusts
- Honorable Conduct

- Suffering for doing good
- Suffering for doing evil

- Living for the will of God
- Living for the will of the Gentiles

- Salted
- Unsalted

- Walking as the Gentile old man
- Walking as the righteous new man

- Sons of disobedience
- Children of light

- Old man and his deeds
- New man in His Image

- Walking circumspectly
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- The love of the world
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- Good Stewards of the grace of God
- Grumbling and complaining

QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION

1. Have you spent enough of your past lifetime living like a pagan?

B. What were the benefits and costs?

C. Define dissipation. Were you living a life of dissipation?

D. What does it mean to walk circumspectly?

2. As a Christian, you now have the option to live by the flesh or live by the Spirit:

A. What does it mean to set your mind on things of the flesh?

B. What does it mean to set your mind on things of the Spirit?

C. Why is the carnal mind enmity against God and his laws?

D. Contrast walking in the Spirit and fulfilling the lusts of the flesh.

3. Israel was instructed and warned about not becoming involved in anything Pagan when they entered the Promised Land:

A. What were they told to do to guard against becoming enticed by pagan ways?

B. Compare the laws of Egypt from where they came and the laws of Canaan to where they were going to Yahweh's laws.

C. What was Israel told Yahweh would do to them if they did not demolish all remnants of Pagan worship when they entered the Land.

D. Discuss the warning from Numbers 33:55-56 relative to Paul's words in Romans 1:18-32.

4. Why are Christians considered "once Gentiles in the flesh?"

A. If you are no longer a Gentile, what are you?

B. What was abolished: the law or enmity of the law? Please explain.

5. Are you still dabbling in the pollutions of the world?

- A. What does it mean in II Peter 2:18-22 when Peter warns us that if we are dabbling, *“the latter end is worse for them than the beginning?”*
- B. When does “dabbling” become willful sin?

6. Seriously consider the self-assessment in Section 4!

- A. How did you do?
- B. What needs to change?
- C. What will you change?
- D. Who can hold you accountable?
- E. Get with an accountability partner now and discuss your commitment!