

Peter was **ignorant** about the weakness of his flesh.

Mat 23:27 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead *men's* bones, and of all uncleanness.

I. The Flesh is Malicious.

Eph 4:31 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:

Col 3:8 But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth.

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One of the proofs of maliciousness in your life, is when you rejoice in the **calamity** of someone else.

Pro 17:5 Whoso mocketh the poor reproacheth his Maker: *and* he that is glad at calamities shall not be unpunished.

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- II. The Flesh is Contemptuous.

Mar 10:45 For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

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The flesh has one allegiance: itself.

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 - **Hag 1:4** *Is it* time for you, O ye, to dwell in your cieled houses, and this house *lie* waste?
 - **Hag 1:8** Go up to the mountain, and bring wood, and build the house; and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith the LORD.

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The flesh will betray Christ when perceiving an <u>advantage</u> and will deny Him when perceiving a <u>disadvantage</u>.

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Gal 5:26 Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.

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Your flesh is ALWAYS looking to lead you into **temptation** and **away** from God.

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Knowing the realities of the flesh should move us to **pray**.