

ENEMIES OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH

I. The world, the flesh, or the devil

- A. Gal. 5:17-21; Eph. 4:22-24; 1 Cor. 3:1-3, 12-15
- B. Spiritual vs carnal

II. The flesh or fallen nature

- A. Rom. 5:12 It came from Adam in the Fall
- B. Rom. 6:12 It influences through lusts
- C. James 1:13, 14 It produces personal acts of sin
- D. 1 Pet. 2:11; Rom. 13:14; Rom 8:5, 6 It has a voice/presents thoughts
- E. Col. 3:5 It needs mortified or put to death

III. Overcome the flesh

- A. Recognize it exists Rom. 7:18, 20, 21, 23
- B. Renew and control your mind for a walk in the spirit Rom. 12:2
- C. Repent and confess your sins 1 John 1:9

Spiritual

In fellowship

Mind controlled by Spirit

Imitates God

Glorifies God, fulfills the
moral law

Works laid up as gold, silver,
& precious stones

Carnal

Out of fellowship

Mind controlled by flesh

Imitates unbeliever

Produces evil

(sin) & human good

Works laid up as wood, hay,
stubble