

***“Dispose The Flesh – To God!”***  
***Romans 6:12-19***

**Introduction:**

1. Tonight:
  - We Are Going To Finish:
    - Exploring How:
      - We Might Make More Progress:
        - In Our Victory Over:
          - The Spiritual Enemy:
            - Of Our Flesh!
2. If You Remember:
  - The Three Main Enemies We Face:
    - In Our Christian Lives:
      - Are - The World, The Flesh, And The Devil!
  - In A Couple Of Weeks:
    - We Will Start Looking At:
      - “Our Ancient Foe” - As Martin Luther Described The Devil In His Famous Song:
        - “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God!”
3. But - For Tonight:
  - We Will Look At:
    - One More Way:
      - To Fight Against The Foe:
        - Of Our Flesh!
    - Even - One More Weapon:
      - That We Can & Must Use:
        - To Wage War Against It:
          - And Obtain Victory:
            - Over It!
4. But - As We’ve Already Considered:
  - Undergirding Each Weapon:
    - That God Gives Us To Use:
      - Is The Absolute Necessity Of:
        - Depending On The Lord - And:
          - Dwelling With The Spirit:
            - On A Day-By-Day Basis!
  - We Will Never:
    - Be Able To Overcome The Power:
      - Of Our Own Fallen Flesh:
        - Apart From The Power Of God:
          - Available Through The Death Of Christ & The Life Of His Spirit!
5. Because - As We Learned From:
  - Romans 7:24-25 - Whenever You Feel:
    - Defeated By Your Flesh:
      - Even As The Apostle Paul Did:
        - And Feel Compelled To Say & Ask With Him:
          - 7:24 - “O Wretched Man That I Am! Who Shall Deliver Me From The Body Of This Death?”
    - Remember The Answer:
      - Which Is The Only Solution:
        - To Your Struggle:
          - Against Sin!
            - 7:25 - “I Thank God Through Jesus Christ Our Lord!”
  - Progress In Victory Over Your Flesh:
    - Can Only Come:
      - When You Depend On The Lord:
        - And His Victory:
          - Through His Own Life & Death & Resurrection!
6. But - As We Also Learned From:
  - Galatians 5:16 - Even As:

- The Struggle With Your Flesh:
  - Continues - And It Feels:
    - So Much Stronger:
      - Than Your Own Changed & Cleansed Spirit!
- Remember That Only:
  - As You - "Walk In The Spirit!"
    - Will You Be Able To:
      - "Not Fulfill The Lust Of The Flesh!"
- And So - Progress In Victory Over Your Flesh:
  - Can Only Come:
    - When You Depend On The Lord - And:
      - Dwell With His Spirit:
        - Even As He Dwells In You!

7. But Then:

- As You Pursue:
  - This Relationship & Fellowship:
    - With God - Through His Son - And:
      - Through His Spirit!
- God Will Enable You:
  - To Use The Other Weapons:
    - That We've Looked At:
      - In Order To - As Paul Puts It In:
        - 1 Corinthians 9:27 - To "Keep Under Your Body, And Bring It Into Subjection!"
- And In These Ways:
  - Experience Even More Victory:
    - Over Your Flesh!

8. So - To Review One More Time:

- To Fight Against Our Flesh:
  - We Need To Learn To:
    - Deny Our Flesh:
      - More And More!
  - As We Are Told In:
    - Romans 13:14 - "Make Not Provision For The Flesh, To Fulfill The Lusts Thereof!"
- We Also Need To Learn To:
  - Detest Our Flesh:
    - With A Holy Hate!
      - "Hating Even The Garment Spotted By The Flesh!" (Jude 23)
- We Also Need To Learn To:
  - Discard Our Flesh!
    - Which Involves:
      - Putting Off:
        - The Old Man! And:
      - Putting On:
        - The New Man!
    - Which Is What We Find:
      - In Ephesians 4!
- We Also Need To Learn To:
  - Decontaminate Our Flesh:
    - As We Are Told In 2 Corinthians 7:1!
  - And Use The Means:
    - God Has Given Us To:
      - "Cleanse Ourselves From All Filthiness Of The Flesh And Spirit, Perfecting Holiness In The Fear Of God!"
- And Then - As We Learned Last Time:
  - We Also Need To Learn To:
    - Destroy Or Mortify Our Flesh:
      - And The Members Of Our Flesh!
    - Because Of What We Find In Romans 8:13:
      - "For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live!"

9. Well - Tonight:
  - We Will Look At Just One More Way:
    - That We Can Fight Against The Foe Of Our Flesh:
      - And That Is What We Find In:
        - Romans 6!
  - So - Let's Turn Back In Our Bibles There:
    - Where - In Romans 6:12-19 - We Will Learn That:
      - In Order To Defeat Our Flesh:
        - We Need To Dispose Our Flesh:
          - To God!
      - In Order To Defeat Your Flesh:
        - You Need To Dispose Your Flesh:
          - To God!
10. The Way Romans 6 Puts It:
  - Is - We Need To "Yield" Our Flesh & Our Bodies:
    - To God!
      - Which Simply Means:
        - To Offer & Present & Put Yourself:
          - Completely:
            - At God's Disposal!
    - Let's Read These Verses Together:
      - Romans 6:12-19 - Where:
        - 5 Times - We Find The Idea:
          - To Yield & Offer:
            - Yourself & Your Flesh:
              - To Either God Or To Sin!

- "Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. / 13 Neither yield ye your members [as] instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members [as] instruments of righteousness unto God. / 14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace. / 15 What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid. / 16 Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? / 17 But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. / 18 Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness. / 19 I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity, even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness!"

  - 11. The Weapon We Find In These Verses:
    - Is An Ongoing Disposal Of Your Flesh:
      - To God!
  - 1. And - In 6:13 - We First Learn That We Need To:
    - Dispose Our Flesh To God:
      - ***In Principle!***
        - And - The Principle Is Given To Us:
          - In Two Ways!
      - The First Way Is:
        - Stop Yielding Yourself:
          - And Your Flesh:
            - To Sin!
        - Even As Paul Says:
          - In The First Part Of 6:13 - "Neither Yield Ye Your Members As Instruments Of Unrighteousness Unto Sin!"
            - Remember - Sin Is Your ***Old*** Master!
              - But - Now - As A Christian, You Are "Dead Indeed Unto Sin":
                - You Owe No More Allegiance To Sin!
        - But - That Does Not Mean That:
          - Sin & Satan Will Not Try To:
            - Regain Control Over:

- That Part Of You:
    - That Is Not Yet Entirely Free From Temptation:
      - And That Is, Your Flesh!
  - As Paul Puts It Here:
    - “Your Members!”
      - The Members Of Your “Mortal Body” (6:12) That Are Still In This Period & Place Of Transition!
  - Of Course, This Would Include:
    - The Physical Members / Parts:
      - Of Your Body:
        - That Still So Often Get You Into Trouble:
          - Like Your Eyes & Your Ears & Your Mouth!
        - **IE**: Like The Children Song - “O Be Careful Little Eyes What You See!” / (Ears - Hear) / (Mouth - Say)
  - But - This Would Also Include:
    - The Other Natural Members / Parts:
      - Of Your Existence As A Human Being!
        - Like Your Mind, Your Will, And Your Emotions!
          - Which Is Why In Philippians 4:8 - Paul Presents A List Of Things That We Should Think Upon! “Think On These Things!”
- You See - Sin Isn’t Really Picky!
  - Sin Isn’t Really Choosy!
    - It Will Try To Use Anything It Can:
      - As An “Instrument” Or A “Tool” To Accomplish Its Goal:
        - Of Spreading More & More “Unrighteousness” In This World:
          - In Opposition To God!
    - And - It Will Use:
      - Whatever “Member” Of Your “Mortal Body” It Can:
        - To Try To Get In The Way Of God’s Work, Both **In** You & **Through** You!
  - The Word Translated Here As “Instruments”:
    - In Other Places Is Translated:
      - “Weapons!”
        - And That Reminds Us Of The Spiritual Battle That Is Taking Place, Right Now, For Souls!
- Now - How Can Sin Do This?
  - Well - Before You Are Saved:
    - Its Easy!
      - Because, You Are Part Of Sin’s Kingdom & Domain!
  - But Once You Become A Christian:
    - By Turning To & Trusting In Jesus:
      - As Your Savior:
        - The Only Way Sin Can Gain A Foothold Back In Your Life:
          - Is If You Let It!
- And So - That Is Why Paul Says:
  - As Part Of Your Responsibility & Purpose:
    - 6:13a - “Neither Yield Ye Your Members As Instruments Of Unrighteousness Unto Sin!”
      - But - At The Same Time - Your Purpose Is Now To:
- Start Yielding To God!
  - Even As Paul Tells Us:
    - In The Next Part Of 6:13 - “But Yield Yourselves Unto God, As Those That Are Alive From The Dead, And Your Members As Instruments Of Righteousness Unto God!”
      - Remember - God Is Your **New** Master:
        - Because You Are “Alive Unto God Through Jesus Christ Our Lord!”
  - And - God’s Desire:
    - Is To Use You:
      - As **His** “Instrument” & As **His** “Tool” To Accomplish **His** Purpose:
        - Of Spreading More & More Of His “Righteousness” In This World!
    - Isn’t This What Jesus Describes For Us:

- In Matthew 5:14-16 - Sermon On The Mount - "Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. / Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. / Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven!"

- And - God Doesn't Just Want:

- The "**Members**" Of Your Body:

- As In - A Little Bit Here & A Little Bit There!

- But - He Wants **All** Of You!

- "Yield **Yourselves** Unto God" - Paul Says!

- Your Whole Self!

- God Doesn't Just Want:

- Your **Hands** Of Service:

- He Wants Your **Heart!**

- After All - This Is The Important Purpose:

- That God Has For Your New Life:

- In Christ!

- But - Just What Does It Mean:

- When We Are Told To "Yield?"

- Of Course - Immediately:

- A "Yield" Sign Comes To Mind:

- Like - Yielding To Traffic!

- But - There Is More To This Word In This Verse!

- To Yield Means:

- To Willingly Put Yourself:

- At The Disposal Of Another!

- **IE:** It Was Used To Describe A Group Of Soldiers Standing In Formation, Ready To Carry Out The Wishes Of Their Commander!

- To Yield Means That:

- You Are Available!

- That You Are Ready To Do The Wishes Of Another! This Means That You Have No Other Commitments Or Engagements To Get In The Way!

- So - To Whom Are You Available Today?

- To Sin Or To God?

- To Yield Also Means That:

- You Are Accessible!

- Like The Soldiers That Are Close Enough To Hear The Words And The Wishes Of Their Commanders!

- So - Who Are You Closer To Today?

- To Sin Or To God?

- To Yield Also Means That:

- You Are Allegiant!

- That You Are Dedicated To The Person & The Purpose Of Another!

- So - Who Has Your Allegiance Today?

- Sin Or The Lord?

- Remember This Important Purpose!

- You Need To:

- "Yield Yourself Unto God!" And:

- Dispose Your Flesh To God:

- In Principle!

2. - But Then - In 6:19 - We Learn That We Also Need To:

- Dispose Our Flesh To God:

- **In Practice!**

- Even As Paul Writes:

- "I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness!"

- So - Paul Wants Us To:

- Take What We Know:
  - In Principle - And:
    - Put It Into Practice!
- And Keep Yielding Ourselves:
  - To The Lord:
    - As His Servants!
- And So - Here - Paul Reminds Us Of:
- The Meaning Of Our Service!
  - When He Says In 6:19:
    - “I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh!”
      - He Doesn’t Mean That He Is Not Speaking:
        - The Words Of God! Rather:
  - In 6:17-18 - Paul Describes The Nature Of Christian Service:
    - Using An Illustration:
      - That We Can Understand Better:
        - Because We Are Still Weak In Our Minds & In Our Flesh!
  - When He Talks About Being:
    - “Servants Of Sin” & “Servants Of Righteousness!”
      - He Is Referring To:
        - The Illustration Of Slavery!
    - Now - By Using This Illustration:
      - He Is Not Condoning:
        - Slavery!
      - Neither Is He Making Light Of:
        - The Conditions Of Slavery!
  - Instead - He Uses It To Drive His Point Home:
    - That When You Belong To God:
      - You Belong To Him:
        - Totally!
  - And That Involves:
    - Total Commitment:
      - To Him!
    - A Total Obligation:
      - To Him!
    - And - A Total Accountability:
      - To Him!
  - Just Like A Slave!
    - And So - Like A Slave:
      - Paul Wants To Also Remind You Of:
- The Manner Of Your Service!
  - “For as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity!”
    - When You Belonged To & Served Sin:
      - You Did So Completely!
  - You See - Sinners Are Not:
    - Just Held Captive By Sin:
      - As If They Have No Choice!
        - No - Sinners Are Captivated By Their Sin:
          - And Render Themselves As Voluntary Slaves!
  - But - If You Are Now Saved:
    - Paul Doesn’t Want You To Think About:
      - What You Did:
        - When You Sinned!
    - He Wants You To Think About:
      - The Manner Of Your Service!
        - It Was Complete & Total!
        - 7:14 - “Sold Under Sin!”
  - Now - You Need To Be:
    - “Sold Under God!”
      - Which Leads To:
- The Mission Of Your Service!

- 6:19 - “Even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness!”
  - God Wants You!
    - All Of You!
  - To Yield Yourself:
    - And To Pursue After:
      - His “Righteousness Unto Holiness!”
- And - He Wants You To Do This:
  - Without Delay - Every Day!
    - Decisively!
    - Deliberately!
- Because - God’s Righteousness & Holiness:
  - For A Christian:
    - Is Still Worthy Of Your Pursuit!
  - Not Merely In:
    - A Passive Way:
      - As If It Will Come On Its Own!
  - But In:
    - An Active Way!
      - To Cultivate The Fruit That Is Grown Of The Spirit!
- Now - Even Though This Pursuit Of Righteousness:
  - Is Not The Saving Righteousness:
    - That Only Comes Through Christ:
      - And His Justification By Faith!
  - It Is A Sanctifying Righteousness:
    - That Will Continue To Grow & Lead To More & More Holiness:
      - In Your Character & In Your Conduct!
- Even As We Are Told In:
  - Hebrews 12:14 - “Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord!”
- Are You Still Pursuing:
  - Righteousness & Holiness:
    - In Your Life As A Christian?
      - This Is What It Means:
        - To Be A Slave Of God:
          - Living Under The Grace Of God!

**Conclusion:**

1. And - This Is How:
  - You Can Dispose Your Flesh:
    - To God:
      - And Experience Even More:
        - Progress & Victory:
          - In Your Fight Against The Flesh!
2. Whenever The Pressure Builds:
  - To Get You To:
    - Give In To Your Flesh:
      - Instead - As You:
        - Depend On The Lord - And:
        - Dwell With The Spirit:
          - Yield Yourself! And All Of Yourself! To The Lord!

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