



WHAT'S COMING OUT OF YOUR CONTAINER? – Pt. 3

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I Thessalonians 5:23 AMPCE - 23 And may the God of peace Himself sanctify you through and through [separate you from profane things, make you pure and wholly consecrated to God]; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved sound and complete [and found] blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah).

We have been studying God's divine design for mankind, and we have seen that God literally designed us to be a container. God created us with the capability and capacity to contain and display all three aspects of our human makeup (spirit, soul, and body) with all that resides within these areas. Within our spirit, soul, and body, we house all we would need to function in the earth to fulfill God's purpose.

Genesis 2:7 and I Thessalonians 5:23

Mankind was **created and made** a triune, tripartite, or three-part being. *Our spirit and soul were created from the essence of God's Spirit, but our bodies were formed of the material substance God created from the earth.*

I Thessalonians 5:23 AMPCE - 23 And may the God of peace Himself sanctify you through and through
Sanctify - our spirit, soul, and body should be set apart for the purpose of God.

separate you from profane things,

Profane - we should not allow worldly, ungodly things defile and contaminate us.

There is always something trying to make its way inside you.

The things you allow inside you will either corrupt and contaminate you to align with the world and satan's agenda or they will aid in consecrating you for God's purpose.

Matthew 12:34-35 - *You are either allowing good or evil inside you - there's no middle ground.*

II Peter 2:19-20 NLT - 19 They promise freedom, but they themselves are slaves of sin and corruption. For you are a slave to whatever controls you. 20 And when people escape from the wickedness of the world by knowing our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and then get tangled up and enslaved by sin again, they are worse off than before.

The corruption that contaminates you will ultimately control you.

Galatians 6:8 - For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.

As believers, we can sow seeds into one of two fields: the flesh or the Spirit.



(Sowing is intentional, deliberate, done with thought into the process.)

As we make decisions, we must realize that everything we do will either be an investment in the flesh or an investment in the Spirit. *The fruit we produce depends on which field we choose to sow into and what we sow.*

To "sow to the flesh" means living for self and for what is contrary to God's will and God's way. It is indulging in and cultivating sinful desires and behaviors, leading to spiritual decay and destruction.

To "sow to the Spirit" means allowing God's transformative power, His grace by the power of Holy Spirit, to guide our thoughts, actions, and desires in a way that yields eternal life and righteousness.

Listed are the works of the flesh that corrupt us.

Galatians 5:19-21 ERV - 19 The wrong things the sinful self does (*works of the flesh*) are clear: committing sexual sin, being morally bad, doing all kinds of shameful things, 20 worshiping false gods, taking part in witchcraft, hating people, causing trouble, being jealous, angry or selfish, causing people to argue and divide into separate groups, 21 being filled with envy, getting drunk, having wild parties, and doing other things like this. I warn you now as I warned you before: The people who do these things will not have a part in God's kingdom.

Listed are the fruit of the Spirit that sanctify and consecrate us to God. **Galatians 5:22 ERV - 22 But the fruit that the Spirit produces in a person's life is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, and self-control.**

The fruit of the Holy Spirit is the result of the Holy Spirit's presence in the life of a Christian that reveals the character of Jesus Christ.

"Fruit," here, means "beneficial results," the good things that come from the Spirit's indwelling.

Matthew 12:35 - 35 A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, - good comes from good.

These are characteristics that should be cultivated inside us and are demonstrated outside of us.

Love: selfless care for others, even when it's hard; a decision to love deliberately those who are undeserving (**John 13:34**).

Joy: inner gladness that comes from our assurance in Christ and is not based upon our circumstances. (**Nehemiah 8:10**).

Peace: a calm confidence in God's control of life's situations; a tranquility deriving from our life being in God's hand (**Philippians 4:6-7**).

Longsuffering (Patience): the ability to bear and endure life's challenges while waiting patiently in expectation for things to change. (**Hebrews 6:12**)

Kindness: a gentle attitude that looks for ways to bless others. (**Ephesians 4:32**)



Goodness: doing what is right and moral for the benefit of others even when it's unpopular (**Romans 12:21**).

Faithfulness: loyalty and trustworthiness toward God and people (**Hebrews 3:2**).

Gentleness (Meekness): strength under control which is shown through humility; a person who is teachable. (**Matthew 11:29**). "It is the quality of the man who is always angry at the right time and never at the wrong time." (Barclay)

Temperance (Self-Control): a mastering of desires and actions through the power of Holy Spirit. (**I Corinthians 9:25**).

I Thessalonians 5:23 - make you pure and wholly consecrated to God];

Consecrated - dedicated wholly to God and set apart for His service and purpose.

It is living a holy and obedient life by relinquishing worldly attachments and desires.

We can't live consecrated to God when we are constantly and continually allowing ourselves to be contaminated by this world system which is influenced by the evil one, satan.

John 12:31 NKJV - "the ruler of this world"(kosmos - world system or order)

Satan is an influencer in this world system.

(He does not make us sin; he influences us to sin by utilizing this world's system.)

Influencer - someone who is able to persuade a lot of people to do the same things that they do. Influencers have specialized knowledge, authority or insight into a specific subject or specialty.

Satan's specialty - use of deception that leads someone to disobedience.

Deception **I Timothy 2:14 NLT - The woman was deceived, and sin was the result.** *(satan showed up in the Garden of Eden - ideal situation)* ; **Revelation 12:9 NKJV - Satan, who deceives the whole world**

II Corinthians 11:14 NIV - Satan himself masquerades (false front or pretense to conceal who they really are) as an angel of light.; John 8:44 NIV - he is a liar and the father of lies.

(Individuals lie to manipulate others for personal gain or to maintain control over a situation)

Satan is slick - (slang) someone who is smooth and deceptive; charming but not trustworthy.

Disobedience **Genesis 3:1-7; Ephesians 2:2 NIV - 2 in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world.** *(This is what we used to willingly do, but this is not what we now want to do or practice habitually.)* **and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.**

This world system refers to the socio-economic system, which is the interplay between the social system (*media / government / family structure / educational system/ culture*) and economic factors (*capitalistic system /*



financial structure / trade).

These systems influence individuals, communities, and society as a whole.

This world system operates contrary to God and the things of God - so, we must live separated (*not in isolation*) in order to live consecrated.

We must live according to the principles of God's Word and not according to the demonically influenced doctrines of this world system.

As we demonstrate the principles of the Kingdom of God, we impact this world's system for God. In this way, the Kingdom of God overrules the world system that is satanically influenced.

Living consecrated to God, we show the world what true living is about. **Matthew 5:14,16 - 14 “You are the light of the world (*kosmos*). 16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works (*outward demonstration of Kingdom living*) and glorify your Father in heaven (*demonstration that produces adoration of the Father*).** We give God the glory by our good works and He is glorified by others.

I John 2:15-17 MSG - 15-17 Don't love the world's (*kosmos*)ways. Don't love the world's goods. Love of the world squeezes out love for the Father. (*If we love the world, we are showing love for satan. If we love satan, we can't love God - You can't serve two masters - Matthew 6:24*)

This world system, influenced by satan, places undue pressure on us to conform to it and therefore live a life that is not pleasing to God.

I John 2:15-17 MSG - Practically everything that goes on in the world—wanting your own way, (*the lust of the flesh*) wanting everything for yourself, (*the lust of the eyes*) wanting to appear important (*the pride of life*)—has nothing to do with the Father. It just isolates you from him. The world and all its wanting, wanting, wanting is on the way out—but whoever does what God wants is set for eternity.