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Temperament Modification
Galatians 5:16-26

The Fruit of the Spirit

Love; Joy; Peace; Longsuffering; Gentleness; Goodness; Faith; Meekness; Temperance

Key Verse: Galatians 5:16 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh

Introduction: We conclude our series today on the Four Basic Temperaments. You Are Who You Are *“and you can't change it”* Does the title of our lesson imply that there is no hope of change? No! Our temperaments can be changed, but not by us, but by the enabling power of the Holy Spirit. The filling of the Holy Spirit is the key to this change process. It is not an option for Christians to be filled with the Holy Spirit, but a command from God. [Matthew 22:37-40](#)



Peter



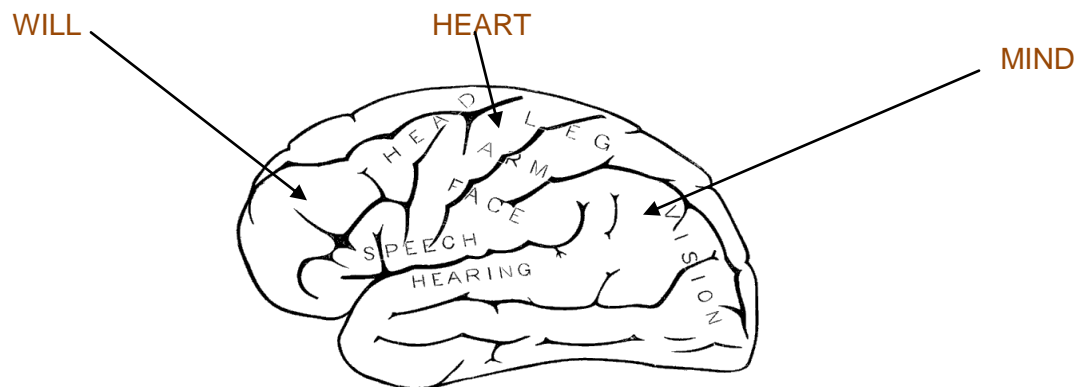
Moses



Abraham



Paul



Works of the Flesh
Mark 7:14-23

- ✦ ADULTERY – FORNICATION – UNCLEANNES – LASCIVIOUSNESS
- ✦ IDOLATRY – WITCHCRAFT – HATRED – VARIANCE
- ✦ EMULATIONS – WRATH – STRIFE – SEDITIONS – HERESIES
- ✦ ENVYINGS – MURDERS – DRUNKENESS – REVELLINGS
- ✦ FEAR – ANXIETY – WORRY – DEPRESSION – INSECURITY

The Holy Spirit Modification of Our Temperaments

THE PROCESS

1. Self examination of our temperament traits: There must be a daily inventory check of our behavior. The command is *"take heed" "examine himself"* **1Corinthians 11:28**
2. Confession of all known sins: The Holy Spirit will only fill *"clean vessels"* **1John 1:9**
3. Submit yourself completely to God: We must make ourselves available to God, to do the things the Holy Spirit directs us to. **Romans 6:11-13**

Be not drunk with wine: When a person is drunk, they are dominated by alcohol; their influences are controlled by the alcohol. **Ephesians 5:18**
4. Ask the Lord to fill you with the Holy Spirit. We have not, because we ask not. **Luke 11:13** and **James 4:1-8**
5. Believe you are filled with the Holy Spirit: Don't be as the doubled-minded man *"unstable in all his ways"* **James 1:8**