

# FLESH & SPIRIT

## *God, Gender, and Sexuality 2*

Your flesh is your \_\_\_\_\_.

Our soul is the part of us that is \_\_\_\_\_.

Our \_\_\_\_\_ is the part of us that connects with God.

The flesh and the Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

There are parts of the flesh that we \_\_\_\_\_ control at all.

There are parts of the flesh over which we have \_\_\_\_\_ control.

Galatians 6:8 Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. NIV

There are parts of the flesh over which we have \_\_\_\_\_ control.

There are parts of the flesh over which we have total control, but our flesh fights like a \_\_\_\_\_.

There are struggles of the flesh over which we can have total ongoing \_\_\_\_\_.

There are struggles of the flesh which may \_\_\_\_\_ to be struggles.

Some actions and thinking patterns may \_\_\_\_\_ parts of our flesh.

The struggles of the flesh can be \_\_\_\_\_, vile, gross, and \_\_\_\_\_.

Ephesians 5:12 It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. NIV

Galatians 5:19-21 The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery [excessive indulgence in sensual pleasures]; <sup>20</sup> idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions <sup>21</sup> and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. NIV

Ephesians 2:3 All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. NIV

**The temptations of the flesh are \_\_\_\_\_.**

1 Corinthians 10:13 No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it. NIV

James 3:2a We all stumble in many ways. NIV

**Your temptations might be \_\_\_\_\_ from someone else's.**

**Although the struggles of the flesh are common and normal (although at times weird),  
they are not \_\_\_\_\_ in the eyes of God.**

Galatians 5:16-17 So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup> For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. NIV

**God expects us to \_\_\_\_\_ our sexual desires even when it is \_\_\_\_\_.**

1 Thessalonians 4:3-5 It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; <sup>4</sup>that each of you should learn to control his own body in a way that is holy and honorable, <sup>5</sup>not in passionate lust like the heathen, who do not know God. NIV

**Being \_\_\_\_\_ to or \_\_\_\_\_ toward a certain temptation does not make it okay.**

**Understanding people's flesh struggle can help us be \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Jesus came to deal with the \_\_\_\_\_ of our \_\_\_\_\_.**

Colossians 2:11 In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not performed by human hands. Your whole self ruled by the flesh was put off when you were circumcised by Christ. NIV

Romans 8:3-17 For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup>in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. NIV

**Jesus set us \_\_\_\_\_ from sin.**

Romans 6:17-18 But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you have come to obey from your heart the pattern of teaching that has now claimed your allegiance. <sup>18</sup> You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness. NIV