

witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulation, wrath, strife, seditions, heresy, envy, murder, drunkenness, reveling, and such like. And you say, would a Christian get himself mixed up in any of those things? Is it possible? Yes, it is. It is amazing how many real Christians Satan leads into gross sin. It is amazing how many real Christians fall, even as David fell. And while the servant was busy here and there, the opportunity of learning to know Christ so well, that you follow as He leads, and aren't tempted this way or that, slips away. We go along doing what we feel like, and we can fail to ~~note~~<sup>develop</sup> the defenses against some of these things, fail to develop the attitude of complete submission to Christ, that will give us the protection we need, when the terrible temptation comes, as they come to most people. But you notice in the list of these terrible things, which most of us would think we certainly would never fall into, you notice in the midst of them in verse 20, it says, hatred, variance, emulation, wrath. These words seem very small in comparison with the others, but you know among Christians you find hatred, you find variance, you find emulation, you find wrath, you find us getting all upset about little personal matters that get in the way of our service to the Lord, you find us having variance over petty things, that keep us from making the stand on the vital things that we ought to. There is one interesting word there, emulation. What does that mean? Emulation. Well, emulation is trying to make yourself out to be just a little better than the next person. And you know it is amazing how much that is in the hearts of every one of us. Did I do better than that fellow there? Wasn't I quite as good as that one there? And we get terribly excited if someone seems to have a little better chance than we have, or when someone is thought of as being a little better than we are. What difference does it make in God's sight? If you're doing what He wants you to do, why waste your time worrying about whether this fellow is getting credit he shouldn't or whether you're not being recognized as you should, instead of this person here? The emulations are in all the branches of society, the emulations, and the variance and the desire that we will be recognized for the good we have, and the abilities we have. If you have something