

Readiness/Eagerness

1. Prothumia readiness/eagerness is an acceptable and therefore, rewardable attitude (2nd Cor. 8:12).
 - a. Prothumia readiness/eagerness underlies Biblically appropriate desires (desires of will) (2nd Cor. 8:11).
 - b. Biblically appropriate desires (desires of will) underlie Biblically appropriate actions (2nd Cor. 8:10).
2. A similar progression is observed in the conception and birth of sin (Jas. 1:14-15).
 - a. Instead of a προθυμία prothumia underlying the will, there is an ἐπιθυμία epithumia undermining the will.
 - b. The temptation process uses ἐπιθυμία epithumia to carry away and entice the one tempted (Jas. 1:14).
 - c. The result is an attitude that is ready & eager to surrender the desire of will to the desire of passion.
 - d. When the decision is made to obey the lust, then it can be said that “lust has conceived” (Jas. 1:15a).
 - e. When the activity of that decision is finally achieved, then it can be said that lust has given birth to sin (Jas. 1:15b).
3. Our prophylactic against lust conception is the walk by the Spirit (Gal. 5:16-18).
 - a. The flesh lusts against the Spirit and hinders us from appropriate desires (Gal. 5:17).
 - b. The Holy Spirit leads in opposition to the flesh empowering a means for a godly walk (Gal. 5:18a,17b,16a).
 - c. Choosing to obey the Holy Spirit’s leading means we will not and cannot commit personal sin (Gal. 5:16).
 - d. Obedience to the flesh is a tragic resurrection of something that has positionally been crucified and ought to remain buried in our considerations (Gal. 5:24-25; Rom. 6:11-14).
4. Appropriate readiness/eagerness, in response to the Holy Spirit’s leading, is presented in the New Testament in a variety of applications.
 - a. As readiness/eagerness for a whole Scripture approach to Bible study (Acts 17:11).
 - b. As readiness/eagerness for blessed reunions with the Body of Christ (1st Th. 2:17; Php. 2:28; 2nd Tim. 1:17).
 - c. As readiness/eagerness for grace provision to fellow members of His Body (2nd Cor. 8:11,12,19).
 - d. As readiness/eagerness for evangelism (Rom. 1:15) and shepherding (1st Pet. 5:2) functions of spiritual leadership.
 - e. In a compound of seeking, presented as readiness/eagerness for spiritual needs ahead of temporal needs (Mt. 6:32; Lk. 12:30).
 - f. In a compound of waiting, presented as readiness/eagerness for the eschatological glory of Jesus Christ (Rom. 8:19,23,25; 1st Cor. 1:7; Php. 3:20; Heb. 9:28).

