


## “SPIRITUAL FOOD POISONING”

*1 Timothy 6:8 – And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.*



Have you ever anxiously popped into your favorite fast food spot, quickly ordered your two all beef patties, special sauce, lettuce, cheese, pickles, onions, on a sesame seed bun, large order of hot sizzling French Fries and a large coke! You are savoring every bite that crosses your lips and anticipating that your ice cold coke will quench your wicked thirst. That Big Mac seems to satisfy the insatiable hungry bear lodged inside your belly. In one hour  you have a headache, fever, chills, abdominal and muscular pain, nausea, diarrhea, and **prostration**. What a mess. Sounds like food poisoning to me! Food poisoning is caused by foods that are naturally toxic, as poisonous mushrooms, by vegetable foods that are chemically contaminated, as by insecticides, or by bacteria or their toxins, especially of the genus **Salmonella**. You will usually recover from the most common types of food poisoning within a couple of days. The goal is to make you feel better and avoid **dehydration**.

Do you realize that you can contract Spiritual Food Poisoning? Spiritual Food Poisoning is nothing else but **SIN!** The following are some of the things that can make you spiritually ill when ingested -- **Sexual Immorality** (This is the transliterated Greek word *porneia* and refers to all types of sexual immorality such as adultery, fornication, bestiality, homosexuality, lesbianism, pornography, pedophilia and incest); **Impurity** (This is the transliterated Greek word *akatharsia* and refers to uncleanness in the physical or moral sense.); **Debauchery** (This is the transliterated Greek word *aselgeia* and refers to licentiousness, lasciviousness, wantonness, shamelessness, and insolence.); **Idolatry** (This is the transliterated Greek word *eidololatreia* and refers literally to the worship of false gods.); **Witchcraft** (This is the Greek word *pharmakeia* and it refers to the taking or administering of drugs for pleasure.); **Hatred** (This is the Greek word *echthra* and refers to enmity or hostility on the part of Christians.); **Discord** (This is the Greek word *eris* and refers to the Christian who is quarrelsome in a noisy, angry or bickering manner.); **Jealousy** (This is the Greek word *zelos* and refers to the sin jealousy, which is the attitude that comes from being fearful of being supplanted or the apprehension of losing one's affection or position.); **Fits of Rage** (This is the Greek word *thumos* and refers to violent, explosive or uncontrolled anger resulting from the lack of self-control.); **Selfish Ambition** (This is the Greek word *eritheia* and refers to the putting of oneself in the forefront or the limelight.); **Dissensions** (This is the Greek word *dichostsis* and it refers to the refusal to conform to the authority or doctrine of the Bible.); **Factions** (This is the Greek word *hairesis* and refers to the internal, contentious rivalries within a group of Christians.); **Envy** (This is the Greek word *phthonos* and refers to the feeling of discontent and resentment aroused by the desire for the possessions or qualities of another.); **Drunkenness** (This is the Greek word *methe* and refers to intoxication through the drinking of alcoholic beverages.); and **Orgies** (This is the Greek word *komos* and refers to loud, noisy festivities that lack restraint or discipline.) you will suffer from Spiritual Food Poisoning. **Christians who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.** Proverbs 30:8 says, “Remove far from me vanity and lies: give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with **food** convenient for me:”

God has a prescription to take care of your Spiritual Food Poisoning. 1 John 1:9 assures you, “If you confess your sins, he is **faithful** and **just** to forgive your sins, and to cleanse you from all unrighteousness.” Sanctification by the blood of Jesus and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit is what you need to take for your healing. The Holy Spirit will not control any more of your life than you allow. The more you are able to crucify the flesh nature, the more the Holy Spirit is allowed to control you, and the more you will bear the Fruit of the Spirit which is **Love, Joy, Peace, Patience or Longsuffering, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self-Control**. The goal is to save your sin-sick soul and avoid eternal damnation to your soul.



**Warning Label of Life:** Be very careful what you ingest into your holy Temple of God.