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).
   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).