synonymously (Phil. 4:7). In such cases, the element of knowledge is more heavily emphasized with nous than with kardia, where the stress lies more on the emotions and the will. . Thus it is the person, the thinking, feeling, willing ego of man, with particular regard to his responsibility to God, that the New Testament denotes by the use of kardia.⁵

Heart conditions that effect communication

The fleshly heart. A vivid description of the fleshly heart is found in Galatians. In chapter five, verses 19-21, Paul lists the works of the flesh. It appears that this is not a random list, but has a definite design. In contrast to the beautifully symmetrical list in verses 22-23, the list in verses 19-21 is ugly. The arrangement seems to be to group together sins common to the Galatian situation. The list is not intended to be exhaustive, which fact is indicated by the phrase, "and the like" in verse 21.

The largest group in the list is the third which is comprised of eight items. The total list is arranged thusly: 3 - 2 - 8 - 2. Though difficult to prove, it appears that Paul's intention was to show the course of interpersonal conflict from initial hostility to permanent division and continuing envy. The list could be illustrated as follows:

⁵Ibid. p. 182