

Lasciviousness (*aselgeia*)

[aselgeia](#) denotes "excess, licentiousness, absence of restraint, indecency, wantonness;" "lasciviousness" in [Mark 7:22](#), one of the evils that proceed from the heart; in [2 Cor 12:21](#), one of the evils of which some in the church at Corinth had been guilty; in [Gal 5:19](#), classed among the works of the flesh; in [Eph 4:19](#), among the sins of the unregenerate who are "past feeling;" so in [1 Pet 4:3](#); in [Jude 1:4](#), of that into which the grace of God had been turned by ungodly men; it is translated "wantonness" in [Rom 13:13](#), one of the sins against which believers are warned; in [2 Pet 2:2](#), according to the best mss., "lascivious (doings)," RV (the AV "pernicious ways" follows those texts which have *apoleiais*); in [2 Pet 2:7](#), RV, "lascivious (life)," AV "filthy (conversation)," of the people of Sodom and Gomorrah; in [2 Pet 2:18](#), RV, "lasciviousness" (AV, "wantonness"), practiced by the same persons as mentioned in Jude. The prominent idea is *shameless conduct*. Some have derived the word from a, negative, and selge, "a city in Pisidia." Others, with similar improbability, trace it to a, negative, and selgo, or thelgo, "to charm." See [WANTONNESS](#).