

The Spiritual Man

Galatians 6:1, "Brethren, even if a man be overtaken in any trespass, ve who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; looking to thyself, lest thou also be tempted."

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1 Corinthians 2:14-15, "Now the natural receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him; and he cannot know them, because they are spiritually judged. But he that is spirit judgeth all things, and he himself is judged of no man."

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1 Corinthians 3:1, "And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, as unto babes in Christ. I fed you with milk, not with meat; for ye were not yet able (to bear it): nay, not even now are ye able; for ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you jealousy and strife, are ye not carnal, and do ye not walk after the manner of men?"

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Mind of the flesh

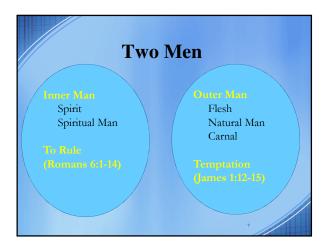
Romans 8:6-7, "For to be carnally m is death; but to be spiritually n is life and peace. Because the is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be." KJV

To be spiritually minded is truly a matter of life and death!

Dual Nature Of Man

- -1 Corinthians 15:47 Ecclesiastes 12:7
- -Genesis 2:7
- -James 2:26
- Declared "very good." Genesis 1:31
- Struggle to please God. Romans 7:22-24; cf. 1 Corinthians 1-3
- Cannot rule passions of the flesh <u>UNLESS</u> we will it to be so! Romans 6:16-19; 2 Corinthians 10:4-5

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It is the spirit of man that is open to fellowship with God.

Proverbs 20:27, "The spirit of man is the lamp of Jehovah, Searching all his innermost parts."

Colossians 3:9-10, "... lie not one to another; seeing that ye have put off the old man with his doings, and have put on the new man, that is being renewed unto knowledge after the image of him that created him"

Ephesians 3:19, "and to know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge, that ye may be filled unto all the fulness of God."

Natural Man versus Spiritual Man 1 Corinthians 2:14-15

- Natural man One who has confidence in the flesh (human wisdom). 1 Corinthians 1:12-13, 18ff; 2:3-5; 3:3-4
 - Glorifies self; jealousy, strife, contention (cf. James 3:14-16)
- Spiritual man One who has confidence in God. Titus 3:5
 - Glorifies God; humility (Philippians 2:5-8);
 - No confidence in the flesh (Philippians 3:1-15; 2 Corinthians 4:5; Galatians 6:14; Ephesians 4:1-2; Galatians 2:20)

Two Men Flesh Spirit Spiritual Man Natural Man Carnal Worldly

Two Men - Galatians 5

Inner Man

Spirit – Galatians 5:22ff Flesh – Galatians 5:19ff

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, meekness, self-control

Outer Man

"Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are (these): fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousies, wraths, factions, divisions, parties, envyings, drunkenness, revellings, and such like ..."

Two Men – James 3

Wisdom from above. James 3:17

"Wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without variance, without hypocrisy."

Wisdom NOT from above. James 3:14-16

- "Bitter jealousy and faction in your heart, glory not and lie not against the truth ...
- ... but is earthly, sensual, devilish. For where jealousy and faction are, there is confusion and every vile deed."

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Two Men – 1 John 2

Love not the world. 1 John 2:15

"... love of the Father" 1 John 2:3-5, "And hereby we know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and • the vain glory of life, the truth is not in him; but whoso keepeth his word, in him verily hath the love of God been perfected."

Love of the world. 1 John 2:15

"If any man love the world

1 John 2:16

- "the lust of the flesh and
- the lust of the eyes and

is not of the Father, but is of the world." 13

Spirituality Is A Choice!

The spiritual person is a product of free will.

Romans 6:12-14 "Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, ... For sin shall not have dominion over you ..."

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