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*Galatians 6:1 “Brethren, even if a man be overtaken in any trespass, **ye 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 man** 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 spiritual** 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 (ASV)

- *Romans 8:6-7 “For to be **carnally minded** is death; but to be **spiritually minded** is life and peace. Because the **carnal mind** 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!

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Pneumatikos:

- a. When used of Persons.... “One who is filled with and governed by the Spirit of God” (Thayer 523).
- b. Vine says simply that “men in Christ who walk so as to please God are... ‘spiritual’” (1088).

Natural Man VS. Spiritual Man

1 Cor. 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)

Temptation of Eve

- *Genesis 3:1-6*

“And when the woman saw... that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise,”

- *1 John 2:15ff*

“the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the vain glory of life,”

Who ruled??? **Spirit or Flesh???**

Temptation of Cain

- *Genesis 4:5-8*

*“And Cain was very wroth,
and his countenance fell.”*

- *Genesis 4:7*

*“If thou doest well, shall it
not be lifted up? and if
thou doest not well, sin*

Who ruled??? **Spirit or Flesh???**

*“...Cain rose up against
Abel his brother, and slew
him.”*

“...I know not...”

*couacheth at the door: and
unto thee shall be its
desire, but do thou rule
over it.”*

What is the carnal man? (Flesh)

Thought system that puts SELF first.

Ephesians 2:3

Titus 1:12; 3:3;

cf. 1 Peter 4:1-6

What is true spirituality? (Spirit)

Thought system that puts GOD first.

Matthew 22:37-40

Matthew 6:33

These cannot exist together.

Galatians 5:16-17

Spirituality Is A Choice!

The spiritual person is a product of free will.

Romans 6:16-18, 22

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

- Man is spirit

- Made in the image of God. (Genesis 1:26)

- Man is flesh

- Made from the dust of the ground. (Genesis 2:7; Ecclesiastes. 12:7)

“Very good..” Genesis 1:31

- **Struggle to please God. Romans 7:22-24;**

cf. 1 Corinthians 1-3; 2 Peter 1-2

- **Cannot rule passions of the flesh UNLESS we will it to be so!**

Romans 6:16-19; 2 Corinthians 10:4-5

Am I A Carnal Man?

- **Wisdom of the world.**
 - **Foolish (1 Corinthians 3:19);**
Seductive (1 John 2:15-17)
 - **Prodigal son. (Luke 15)**
 - **Worldly pleasure an illusion.**

Am I A Carnal Man?

- **Carnal man deluded!**
 - **Seared conscience. 1 Timothy 4:2**
 - **Past feeling. Ephesians 4:17-19**
 - **Dead in trespasses. Ephesians 2:1**
 - **Heart darkened. Romans 1:21**
 - **Body dishonored. Romans 1:24;
1 Corinthians 6:13,18**

Am I A Spiritual Man?

- **Wisdom of God. 1 Corinthians 1:24
(Salvation)**
 - **No longer in turmoil.**
Cf. Romans 7:24-25
 - **Prodigal Son. Cf. Luke 15 “came to himself”**

Am I A Spiritual Man?

- **Spiritual man is wise!**
 - **Humble. Philippians 2:5-8; Galatians 2:20**
 - **Transformed. Romans 12:1-2; Ephesians 4:24ff**
 - **Persuaded by evidence. John 20:30-31; 6:44-45**
 - **Applies absolute standard to every thought, word & deed. 1 Peter 1:13-16;**
 - **Be Sober / Of sound mind. 1 Thessalonians 5:6,8; 2 Timothy 4:5; Titus 2:1-8,12; 1 Peter 4:7; 5:8**

Am I A Spiritual Man?

- **Spiritual man is wise!**
 - **Becomes instrument of righteousness.**
Romans 6:12-13
 - **Goal to magnify Christ. Philippians 1:20**
 - **Reflects the image of Christ. Colossians 3:1-10**
 - **Willing to suffer in order to glorify.**
2 Corinthians 4:11,13; 1 Peter 4:16

Two Men

Inner Man

Spirit

Spiritual Man

To Rule

(Romans 6:1-14)

Outer Man

Flesh

Natural Man

Carnal

Worldly

Worldly

(1 John 2:15)

Rewards

The hardships of the natural man are a **waste**.

The sufferings of the spiritual man are a **glory**.

Hope & Peace

2 Corinthians 4:7ff, 16 - 5:1;

2 Timothy 4:6-8