

THE CARNAL MIND Pt. 4

- Do you understand the internals of the Christian life?

1. The carnal Christian is a biblical REALITY you must face and understand. (1 Corinthians 3:1-4)
2. The carnal Christian needs to be distinguished from the NATURAL man and the SPIRITUAL man. (1 Corinthians 2:14–3:1)
3. The carnal Christian possesses a wonderful eternal POSITION IN CHRIST while having a woeful temporary CONDITION IN TIME. (1 Corinthians 3:1)
4. The carnal Christian will lack anticipated spiritual GROWTH or will RETROGRESS instead of making PROGRESS in their spiritual maturity. (1 Corinthians 3:1-2)
5. The carnal Christian may be in this condition due to WEAKNESS or WILLFULNESS. (1 Cor. 3:1-3a)
6. The carnal Christian's spiritual condition will not be automatically corrected over TIME. (1 Cor. 3:2-3)
7. The carnal Christian will be characterized by the WORKS of the FLESH instead of the FRUIT of the SPIRIT in his daily walk. (1 Corinthians 3:3b)
8. The carnal Christian will conduct himself in such a way that he is THINKING and BEHAVING like an unbeliever. (1 Corinthians 3:3c)
9. The carnal Christian is prone to not SELF-EVALUATE or to evaluate himself from his own HUMAN PERSPECTIVE instead of from God's. (1 Corinthians 3:3-4)
10. The carnal Christian has a tendency to misfocus on PEOPLE instead of focusing on JESUS CHRIST, beginning with the GOSPEL. (1 Corinthians 3:4-7)
11. The carnal Christian is in danger of losing his future REWARD in Heaven, though never his eternal SALVATION. (1 Corinthians 3:8-15)
12. The carnal Christian oftentimes devises a plan to serve Jesus Christ on his TERMS and not on GOD'S, in which he apes the WORLD instead of being distinctly SEPARATE from it. (1 Cor. 4:6-17)
13. The carnal Christian tends to be dominated by _____ which manifests itself by rejecting or resisting appropriate spiritual _____ and _____. (1 Cor. 4:18-21)

Now some are puffed up, as though I were not coming to you. 19 But I will come to you shortly, if the Lord wills, and I will know, not the word of those who are puffed up, but the power. 20 For the kingdom of God is not in word but in power. 21 What do you want? Shall I come to you with a rod, or in love and a spirit of gentleness?

14. The carnal Christian may _____ the grace of God and become involved in _____. (1 Corinthians 5:1)

- Is the Bible clear about sexual sin? **Was this a believer who was guilty of this?** 1 Corinthians 5:1 It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and such sexual immorality as is not even named among the Gentiles-- that a man has his father's wife!

15. The carnal Christian may _____ the grace of God and react _____ toward unaddressed and unrepentant, flagrant sin in the assembly. (1 Corinthians 5:2)

1 Corinthians 5:2 And you are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he who has done this deed might be taken away from among you.

16. The carnal Christian will bring upon himself _____ in one or more of its various forms. (1 Corinthians 5:3-8)

- **What does God promise to do to all His children? (Hebrews 12:6-8)** For whom the LORD loves He chastens, And scourges every son whom He receives." 7 If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten? 8 But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons.

- **What is the intended goal of divine discipline and what is necessary to benefit from it? (Heb.12:9-11)** Furthermore, we have had human fathers who corrected us, and we paid them respect. Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live? 10 For they indeed for a few days chastened us as seemed best to them, but He for our profit, that we may be partakers of His holiness. Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

- **What happens if you react and fail to take this correction? (Hebrew 12:5, 15)**

Hebrews 12:5 And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons: "My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD, Nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him;

Hebrews 12:15 looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled;

- **How does divine discipline express itself?**

- **How was this church discipline at Corinth to be carried out? By who? What did it involve? With what purpose and ultimate reality in view? (1 Corinthians 5:3-6)** For I indeed, as absent in body but present in spirit, have already judged (as though I were present) him who has so done this deed. 4 In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when you are gathered together, along with my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, 5 deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus. 6 Your glorying is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump?

17. The carnal Christian is _____ and _____ to solve his problems instead of guarding the _____ and resolving problems within the _____. (1 Corinthians 6:1-8)

- **What was the problem in particular? (1 Cor.6:1, 5-8)** Dare any of you, having a matter against another, go to law before the unrighteous, and not before the saints? 5 I say this to your shame. Is it so, that there is not a wise man among you, not even one, who will be able to judge between his brethren? 6 But brother goes to law against brother, and that before unbelievers! 7 Now therefore, it is already an utter failure for you that you go to law against one another. Why do you not rather accept wrong? Why do you not rather let yourselves be cheated? 8 No, you yourselves do wrong and cheat, and you do these things to your brethren!

- **Was there hope for these Corinthian believers? (1 Cor.9:9-11)** Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, 10 nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

- **How does Paul end this section by way of application? (1 Cor. 6:18-20)** Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. 19 Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? 20 For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.