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1 Cor 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 Cor 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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Gal 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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- Rom 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

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

Dual Nature Of Man

■ **Man is flesh** ■ **Man is spirit**

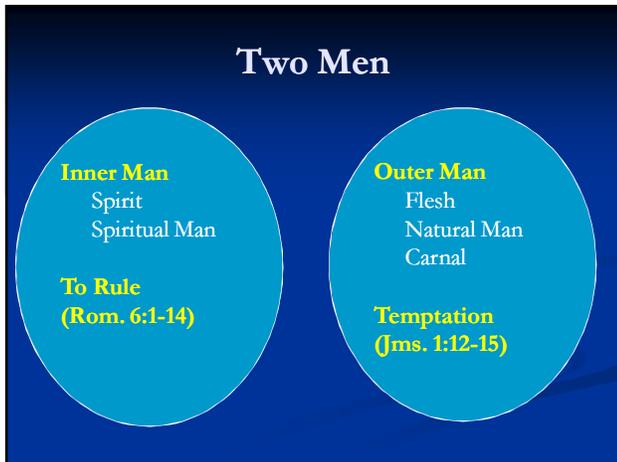
■ 1 Cor. 15:47

■ Eccl. 12:7

■ Gen. 2:7

■ Jms. 2:26

- Declared “very good.” Gen. 1:31
- Struggle to please God.
Rom. 7:22-24; cf. 1 Cor. 1-3
- Cannot rule passions of the flesh UNLESS we will it to be so! Rom. 6:16-19; 2 Cor. 10:4-5



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

- Prov. 20:27 “The spirit of man is the lamp of Jehovah, Searching all his innermost parts.”
- Col 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”
- Eph 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 VS. Spiritual Man 1 Cor. 2:14-15

- **Natural man-** One who has confidence in the flesh (human wisdom). 1 Cor. 1:12-13, 18ff; 2:3-5; 3:3-4
 - Glorifies self; jealousy, strife, contention (cf. Jms. 3:14-16)
- **Spiritual man-** One who has confidence in God. Tit. 3:5
 - Glorifies God; humility (Phil. 2:5-8);
 - No confidence in the flesh (Phil. 3:1-15; 2 Cor. 4:5; Gal. 6:14; Eph. 4:1-2; Gal. 2:20)



Two Men -- Gal. 5

Inner Man	Outer Man
Spirit Gal. 5:22ff	Flesh Gal. 5:19ff
“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, meekness, self-control...”	“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 – Jms. 3

Wisdom from above. James 3:17	Wisdom NOT from above. James 3:14-16
“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.”	“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.”

Two Men – 1 Jno. 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 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
- the vain glory of life,

is not of the Father, but is of the world.”

Spirituality Is A Choice!

The spiritual person is a product of free will.

Rom 6:16-18, 22

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