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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

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

Mind of the flesh
(ASV)

Temptation of Eve

■ Gen. 3:1-6

“And when the woman saw...

■ 1 Jno. 2:15ff

■ “the lust of the flesh and

Who ruled??? Spirit or Flesh???

■ that it was a delight to the eyes, and

■ the vain glory of life,”

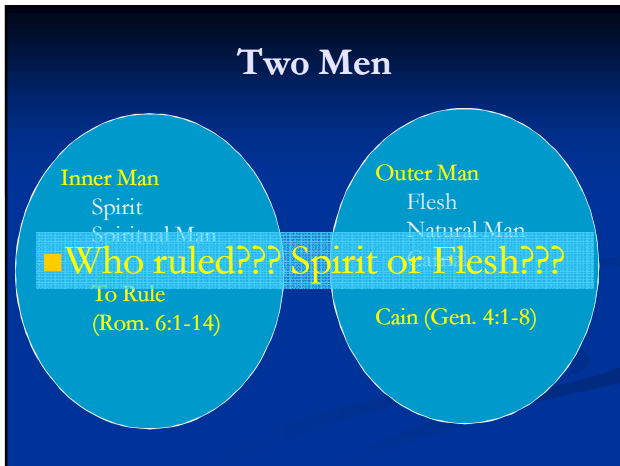
■ that the tree was to be desired to make one wise,”



Temptation of Cain

<p>■ Gen. 4:5-8 “And Cain was very wrath, and his countenance fell.”</p> <p>■ “...Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him.”</p> <p>■ “...I know not...”</p>	<p>■ Gen. 4:7 “If thou doest well, shall it not be lifted up? and if thou doest ill, shall it not be coucheth at the door: and unto thee shall be its desire, <u>but do thou rule over it.</u>”</p>
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Who ruled??? Spirit or Flesh???



<p>What is the carnal man? (Flesh)</p> <p>Thought system that puts SELF first.</p> <p>Eph. 2:3 Tit. 1:12, 3:3; cf. 1 Pet. 4:1-6</p>	<p>What is true spirituality? (Spirit)</p> <p>Thought system that puts GOD first.</p> <p>Mt. 22:37-40 Mt. 6:33</p>
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➤ Eve ?
➤ Cain ?

These cannot exist together.
Gal. 5:16-17

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...”

Struggle Goes On

<p>■ Man is spirit</p> <p>■ Made in the image of God.</p>	<p>■ Man is flesh</p> <p>■ Made from the dust of the</p>
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Who rules??? Spirit or Flesh???

• Struggle to please God
• You Decidelll!

Rom. 7:22-24; cf. 1 Cor. 1:5; 2 Pet. 1:2

• Cannot rule passions of the flesh UNLESS we will it to be so! Rom. 6:16-19; 2 Cor. 10:4-5

Am I A Carnal Man?

- Wisdom of the world.
 - Foolish (1 Cor. 3:19); Seductive (1 Jno. 2:15-17)
 - Prodigal son. (Lk. 15)
 - Worldly pleasure an illusion.

Am I A Carnal Man?

- **Carnal man deluded!**
 - Seared conscience. 1 Tim. 4:2
 - Mind and conscience defiled. Tit. 1:15
 - Past feeling. Eph. 4:17-19
 - Dead in trespasses. Eph. 2:1
 - Heart darkened. Rom. 1:21
 - Body dishonored. Rom. 1:24; 1 Cor. 6:13,18

Am I A Spiritual Man?

- Wisdom of God. 1 Cor. 1:24 (Salvation)
 - No longer in turmoil. Cf. Rom. 7:24-25
 - Prodigal Son. Cf. Lk. 15 “came to himself”

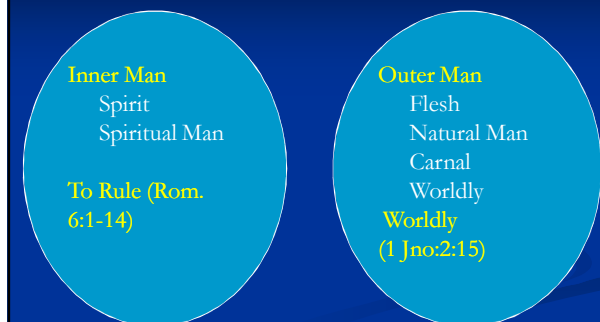
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- **Spiritual man is wise!**
 - Transformed. Rom. 12:1-2; Eph. 4:24ff
 - Persuaded by evidence. Jn. 20:30-31; 6:44-45
 - Applies absolute standard to every thought, word & deed. 1 Pet. 1:13-16;
 - Be Sober / Of sound mind. 1 Thess. 5:6,8; 2 Tim. 4:5; Tit. 2:1-8,12; 1 Pet. 4:7; 5:8

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- **Spiritual man is wise!**
 - Becomes instrument of righteousness. Rom. 6:12-13
 - Goal to magnify Christ. Phil. 1:20
 - Reflects the image of Christ. Col. 3:1-10
 - Willing to suffer in order to glorify. 2 Cor. 4:11,13; 1 Pet. 4:16

Two Men



Rewards

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

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

Hope & Peace

2 Cor. 4:7ff, 16-5:1; 2 Tim. 4:6-8