

“Carnal MUCH?”

Man is made up of three distinct parts.

1 Thessalonians 5:23 NIV Paul says “May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Natural Man, Spiritual Man, Carnal Man

1 Corinthians 2:14-3:3 NIV

¹⁴ The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit. ¹⁵ The person with the Spirit makes judgments about all things, but such a person is not subject to merely human judgments, ¹⁶ for, “Who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ. ¹ Brothers and sisters, I could not address you as people who live by the Spirit but as people who are still worldly (carnal)—mere infants in Christ. ² I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it. Indeed, you are still not ready. ³ You are still worldly (carnal). For since there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not worldly (carnal)? Are you not acting like mere humans?

1 Corinthians 10:32 NIV

Do not cause anyone to stumble, whether Jews, Greeks (Gentiles) or the church of God—

1 Corinthians 1:18 NIV

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

1 Corinthians 2:14

“The natural man (the man without the Holy Spirit) does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him. He cannot understand them because they are spiritually appraised.”

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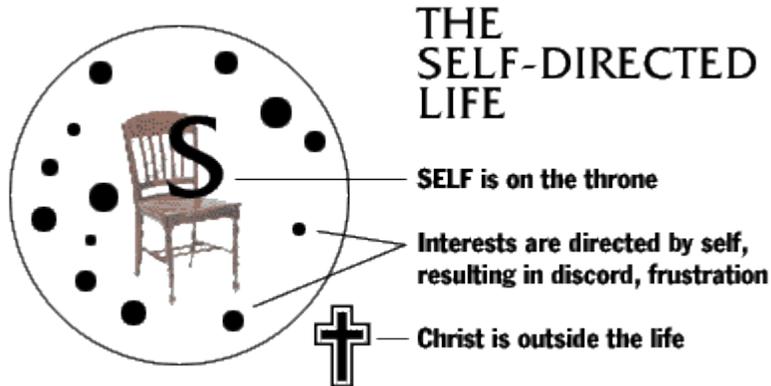
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The Natural Man (one who has not received Christ)



Ephesians 2:4-5 NIV

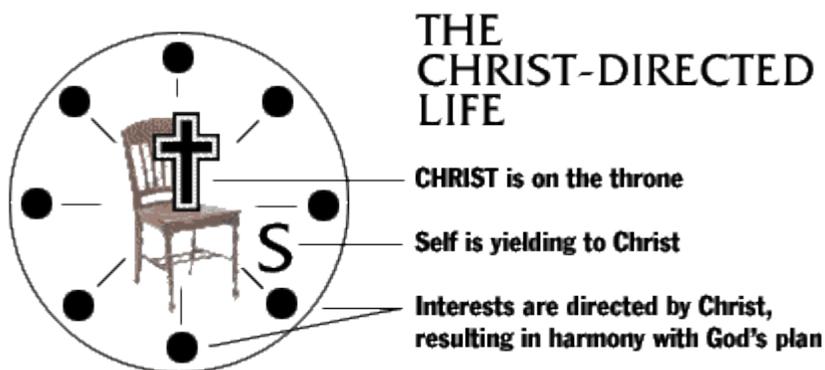
“But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵ made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.

1 Corinthians 2:15 TLB

“But the spiritual man has insight into everything. And that bothers and baffles the man of the world who can’t understand him at all.”

The Spiritual Man

(One who is directed and empowered by the Holy Spirit)



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1 Corinthians 2:15-16 NIV

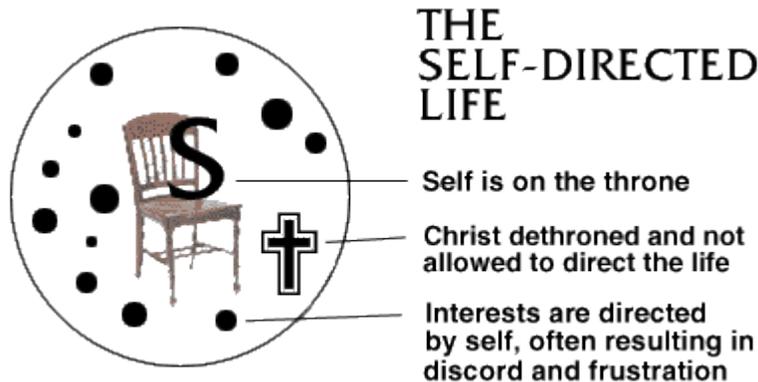
The person with the Spirit makes judgments about all things, but such a person is not subject to merely human judgments, for, “Who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.

Galatians 5:22-23 NLT

But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things.

The Carnal Man

(One who has received Christ, but who lives in defeat because of trying to live the Christian life in his own strength)



1 Corinthians 3:1-3

could not address you as spiritual but as worldly (or Carnal). (He’s talking to Christians, these are saved people with spiritual gifts.) Mere infants in Christ. I gave you milk not solid food because you weren’t ready for solid food. Indeed you’re still not ready. You’re still worldly. (You do what the world does – you don’t do what Christians should do.) For since there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not worldly? Are you not acting like mere men?”

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Doesn’t **MATURE** but remains childish. (3:1)

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2 Peter 2:7-8 (NIV) says “(God) rescued Lot, a righteous man, who was distressed by the depraved conduct of the lawless ⁸ for that righteous man, living among them day after day, was tormented in his righteous soul by the lawless deeds he saw and heard”

Dangerous, **DEFECTIVE** diet. (3:2)

1 Peter 2:2 (NIV)

“Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so **that by it you may grow up in your salvation.**”

Hebrews 5:12-14 (NIV)

“In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God’s word all over again. You need milk, not solid food! ¹³ Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness. ¹⁴ But **solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.**”

Jealousy, **DISCORD, CLIQUES.**

1 Corinthians 3:3 (KJV) “For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?”

A) Pushes own **SELFISH AGENDA,** blames others.

B) **DISSENSION** or bitter **CONFLICT.**

C) The mind of Carnal Man is **DEATH.**

Romans 8:6-8 (KJV)

“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. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

Enmity is the state or feeling of being actively opposed or hostile to someone or something.

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