



## “Carnality is The Silent Killer”

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### **Texts: Romans 8:1-17, I Corinthians 3:1-3**

One of the least understood but most dangerous conditions or tendencies in the body of Christ and God's people is carnality which comes from the root word carnal. There are several reasons why carnality is so dangerous, and detrimental to believers who are serving in the Kingdom and walking with God. As Kingdom people we must maintain a life that's led by, controlled by, and governed by The Holy Spirit in order to exercise the dominion and authority God has empowered us with in the earth to rule and reign as Revelation 5:10 declares. As we study Romans chapter 8 carefully we will see the real danger carnality or being carnal can cause in our lives.

**Romans 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.**

**2: For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.**

It's good to know that as Jesus Christ spiritual beings who have His divine life dwelling and living within us, we are free from the grips of the law of sin and death that Adam imposed on us when he sinned against God and lost his God ordained dominion and authority. See Romans 5:12-17 for further insight on this

truth and revelation.

**Romans 8:3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:**

We can begin to see already that the carnal flesh nature creates a weakness in God's people that hinders our ability to walk and live a God led spiritual and victorious life. When carnality invades and rules one's life it weakens or even deadens their spiritual sensitivity and ability to understand spiritual things. Closely study what I Corinthians 2:9-14 says and notice how costly it is to be carnal and not able to understand spiritual things.

**4: That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.**

Please note that the righteousness of the law or God's word can only be fulfilled in us when we submit to and walk after the leading of the Holy Spirit and don't allow **Carnality The Silent Killer** to rule our lives. We must not become slaves to our lower frail flesh nature.

**5: For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.**

**6: For to be carnally minded is death; but**

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### **to be spiritually minded is life and peace.**

Please note that the word death comes from the original Greek word *than-at-os* and means by definition: (literal or figurative) deadly fatal, to die, the extinction of life, naturally or by violence: Generally, and of natural death, exposure to death, sentence to death.

When you allow your mind to become flooded with carnality you expose yourself to death because you can't think spiritually and about spiritual things that promote life. In fact the divine God life of Jesus that II Corinthians 4:10-11 talks about can't be manifested in your mortal flesh and body.

### **7: Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.**

When your mind becomes flooded with carnality and ruled by the lower appetites and frailties of the flesh you actually become the enemy of God.

### **8: So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.**

**9: But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the**

### **Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.**

Carnality can actually lead to natural and spiritual death and can only be overcome by the Holy Spirit of God that causes spirituality to come alive in us.

### **11: But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.**

Please note that the word quicken in this verse comes from the original Greek word *dzo-op-oy-eh* and means: to revitalize, to make alive, give life, particularly of the dead to recall to life, endue with life.

### **12: Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh.**

You don't owe your flesh any attention so don't cater to, or give it control of your life because it can't help you believe, trust, and obey God's voice. In fact your flesh will block out God's voice completely and you'll only hear what it wants you to hear which is usually against God and His divine promise word.

### **13: For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do**

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**mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.**

Wow! Being carnal and catering to and being led by your flesh will cause you to die spiritually and naturally. Now that’s a huge and serious revelation you need to get a hold of.

**14: For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.**

Please note that the word led comes from the original Greek word *ago*, and means: to be controlled or governed by.

In order to avoid carnality, and stay alive spiritually and naturally we need to dwell on the Spirit of God and spiritual things. We must study and meditate in His word to keep a spiritual mind. We also must spend quality time hearing His spoken word and in prayer and fasting on a regular and consistent basis.

Eating the spiritual food of the Word of God on a regular basis and staying in spiritual atmospheres that contain the Word of God will guard you against **Carnality, The Silent Killer**. Look at what Jesus taught in John 6:63.

**John 6:63 It is the spirit that quickens (gives natural and spiritual life); the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak**

**unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.**

It takes constantly hearing the spoken word of God to have spirit and life and avoid carnality and death. Carnality will cause you to speak against God’s promise word and against yourself. It will cause your emotions to allow feelings of doubt, anger, fear, etc. to block the voice of God in your life, and paralyze your Faith. See an example of this clearly in Numbers 13:23-33.

Taking a close look at the word carnality, takes us to the root word carnal which comes from the Greek word *sarx* and means: what is external human nature with it’s frailties, [physical and moral], human flesh passions; the mortal body in distinction from a future and spiritual existence, as implying weakness, frailty, imperfection, both physical and moral; sinfulness, proneness to sin, the seat of carnal appetites and desires of sinful passions and affections whether physical or moral; the sensual tendency to satisfy the flesh, implying sinfulness.

Carnality is so deceptive and dangerous it can cause you to commit spiritual suicide because it’s soul purpose as a tool of Satan is to turn you against God, and His divine purpose for your life.

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Carnality poisons your mind with flesh thinking and desires, your mouth with flesh words that kill and cause death, your Faith by flooding you with doubt, fear, and defeat so you don't believe God and His word.

**Carnality Is The Silent Killer** because most people don't even realize when they have been invaded by it, and are being led and controlled by it.

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