

To be Carnally Minded is Death

As many of us already know, it is essential that we not walk after the flesh, but that we walk after the Spirit of Christ, the Holy Ghost.

Romans 8:6-8 says

6 For **to be carnally minded is death**; but **to be spiritually minded is life and peace.**

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

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

Romans 8:13

13 For **if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die**: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

We must put to death the deeds of the body and live unto Christ!!

Colossians 3:4-13

4 When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

5 **Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:**

6 For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience:

7 In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them.

8 **But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth.**

9 **Lie not** one to another, **seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;**

10 And have **put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:**

11 Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all.

12 **Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;**

13 **Forbearing** one another, and **forgiving** one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: **even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.**

1 Corinthians 11:1-3

- 1 Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.
- 2 Now I praise you, brethren, that ye remember me in all things, and keep the ordinances, as I delivered them to you.

Matthew 16:24-27

- 24 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, **If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.**
- 25 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.
- 26 For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and **lose his own soul?** or **what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?**
- 27 For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.

1 John 2:3-6

- 3 And hereby we do know that we know him, **if we keep his commandments.**
- 4 He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, **is a liar**, and the truth is not in him.
- 5 But **whoso keepeth his word**, **in him verily is the love of God perfected**: hereby know we that we are in him.
- 6 He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.

Let us also be followers of Christ! Let us also walk as He walked. Let us Pick up our cross and deny ourselves!!!

Romans 12:1-2

- 1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye **present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.**
- 2 And **be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed** by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Here Apostle Paul has told us that presenting ourselves a living sacrifice is our reasonable service. That means it's only fair that we should offer ourselves a sacrifice to God since Jesus Christ also offered himself a sacrifice for us all that we may be reconciled unto God again. Again in the following verse we are told to not be conformed to this world but rather transformed from the world. The word transform means: to change in condition, nature, or character; convert.

1 Thessalonians 5:21-23

21 **Prove all things**; hold fast that which is good.

22 **Abstain from all appearance of evil.**

23 And the very God of peace **sanctify you wholly**; and **I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless** unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Notice that the Apostle Paul tells us that he prays God for our whole spirit, soul, and body that they be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus. It is important how you clothe your body so that you will be found blameless when the Lord does come.

James 3:13-15

13 Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? **let him show out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom.**

14 But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth.

15 **This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish.**

Romans 13:13-14

13 Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying.

14 But **put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ**, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.

Ephesians 4:1-3

1 I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you **that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called**,

2 With all **lowliness and meekness**, with **longsuffering, forbearing** one another **in love**;

3 **Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.**

Ephesians 4:17-32

22 **That ye put off concerning the former conversation** the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;

23 And **be renewed in the spirit of your mind**;

24 And that ye **put on the new man**, **which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.**

25 Wherefore putting away lying, **speaking every man truth with his neighbour**: for we are members one of another.

- 26 Be ye angry, and **sin not**: let not the sun go down upon your wrath:
- 27 Neither give place to the devil.
- 28 Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.
- 29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.
- 30 And **grieve not the holy Spirit of God**, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.
- 31 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:
- 32 And **be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another**, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

Philippians 4:4-7

- 4 Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice.
- 5 Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand.
- 6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.
- 7 And **the peace of God**, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Colossians 2:5-7

- 5 For though I be absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, joying and beholding your order, and the stedfastness of your faith in Christ.
- 6 As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him:
- 7 **Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith**, as ye have been taught, **abounding therein with thanksgiving.**

1 Timothy 6:11-12

- 11 But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and **follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.**
- 12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

2 Timothy 2:22

- 22 Flee also youthful lusts: but follow **righteousness, faith, charity, peace**, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

James 5:12

12 But above all things, my brethren, **swear not**, neither by heaven, neither by the earth, neither by any other oath: **but let your yea be yea; and your nay, nay; lest ye fall into condemnation.**

1 Peter 1:13-16

13 **Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober,** and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

14 **As obedient children,** not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance:

15 But as **he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;**

16 Because it is written, **Be ye holy; for I am holy.**

1 Peter 2:24

24 Who **his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness:** by whose stripes ye were healed.

1 Corinthians 6:19

19 What? know ye not that **your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you,** which ye have of God, and **ye are not your own?**

20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

1 Peter 2:5, 9

5 Ye also, as **lively stones,** are built up a **spiritual house, an holy priesthood,** to offer up **spiritual sacrifices,** acceptable to God **by Jesus Christ.**

9 But **ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people;** that **ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:**

We are no longer our own. We have been bought with the price of blood. Our bodies now are a temple wherein the Holy Ghost dwells. We now have become a royal priesthood, that offers up spiritual sacrifices, unto the Lord. A people now called unto the showing forth of praises to Him that has called us out of darkness into His Glorious light.

Romans 6:19,22

19 I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so **now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness.**

22 But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

Philippians 4:8

8 **Finally**, brethren, whatsoever things are **true**, whatsoever things are **honest**, whatsoever things are **just**, whatsoever things are **pure**, whatsoever things are **lovely**, whatsoever things **are of good report**; if there be any **virtue**, and if there be any **praise**, think on these things.

Here we have been given a filter by Apostle Paul for our thoughts. If our thoughts do not line up with whatsoever is true, honest, just, pure, lovely, and of a good report, then we need to get our thoughts back under subjection to the obedience of Christ.