

Who Will You Serve?

“choose you this day whom ye will serve;
whether the gods which your fathers served
that *were* on the other side of the flood,
or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell:
but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.” **Jos 24:15**

SPIRITUAL/GODLY

1. **pneumatikos** “*spiritual*”, the higher or *renovated* nature [manifests in humble submission] – 1Co 2:14-15
2. **eusebes**, *well-reverent, pious* (lit. good worship) – 2Pe 2:9, He 12:28, Tit 2:12

CARNAL/FLESHLY

1. **psuchikos** “*soulish*”, directed by one’s own mind, will, & emotions [manifests in inward disobedience] – 1Co 2:14, 15:44,46
2. **sarkikos**, *pertaining to flesh*, i.e. *bodily, temporal, or animal, unregenerate* [outward disobedience] – 1Co 3:1,3, 2Co 1:12,10:4, 1Pe 2:11

PHYSICAL/BEASTLY

1. **phusikos** “*physical*”, i.e. by impl. *instinctive*, lower or *bestial* nature [manifests in independence] – Jude 10, 2Pe 2:12
2. **phusis**, fig. native *disposition, constitution* or *usage*: nature(-al) [manifests in rebellion]

zoe : the life of the spirit	psuche : the life of the soul	bios : the life of the body
Rule of the Spirit the law of Christ, Gal 6:1-2	Rule of the Self the law of Sin & Death, Ro 8:1-14	Rule of the Animal the law of the Wild, Ge 16:12
partaking of the tree of life	partaking of the tree of the knowledge of good & evil	partaking of the trees good for food & pleasant to the eyes
children of God, of the light & of the day, Ro 8:21, 1Th 5:5	children of the bondwoman & of the flesh, Gal 4:31, Ro 9:8	by nature the children of wrath & of the devil, Eph 2:3, 1Jn 3:10
the new man, Eph 4:23-24, Col 3:10 the divine nature, 2Pe 1:4	old man, Ro 6:6, Eph 4:22, Col 3:9 babes [nepios], 1Co 3:1-3	brute beasts, Tit 1:12, Ecc 3:18-19, Ps 73:22, Ps 49:12,20
they love submission so they serve the Father [in the kingdom], He 12:9	they love themselves, serving the gods your fathers served [i.e. religion]	they love this world, serving the god of the Amorites [i.e. prominence]
righteous, godly, holy, 1Tim 1:9	disobedient, ungodly, profane, 1Tim 1:9; sold under sin, Ro 7:14	lawless, sinners, unholy, 1Tim 1:9
spiritually minded, Ro 8:6 renewed mind, Ro 12:2, Eph 4:23 sound mind, 2Tim 1:7 pure minds, 2Pe 3:1	carnally minded, Ro 8:6-7 reprobate mind, Ro 1:28 corrupt minds, 1Tim 6:5, 2Tim 3:8 defiled minds, Titus 1:10-16	fleshly minded, Col 2:18 blinded mind, 2Co 3:14, 4:4 vain minds, Eph 4:17 darkened mind/thoughts, Eph 4:18
spiritual sacrifices, 1Pe 2:5 the law of Christ, 1Co 9:21, Gal 6:2	carnal commandments & ordinances of men, Heb 7:16, 9:10, Col 2:20-23	without law, Ro 2:12,14, 1Co 9:21 [even the Jews: 2Ch 15:3]
alive from the dead, alive unto God, Rom 6:11-13, Jn 10:10	sensual, having not the Spirit, Ju 19 sensual wisdom, Jam 3:15, 1Co 2:14	dead in trespasses & sins, Eph 2:1-5, Col 2:13

So our whole spirit, soul, & body must be sanctified & preserved [*guarded*] – 1Th 5:23

Spiritual

“Now concerning **spirituals**, brethren, I would not have you ignorant.” **1Co 12:1**

“Howbeit that *was* not first which is **spiritual**, but that which is natural;
and afterward that which is **spiritual**.” **1 Co 15:46**

Concerning Spirituals: there is

1. a spiritual man (1Co 14:37, 2:15, 3:1)
2. a spiritual mind (Rom 8:6),
3. a spiritual teaching (1Co 2:13),
4. a spiritual discernment & judgment (1Co 2:14-15),
5. a spiritual understanding (Col 1:9),
6. a spiritual meat & drink (1Co 10:3-4),
7. a spiritual Rock (1Co 10:4),
8. a spiritual edifying (1Co 14:12),
9. a spiritual restoration (Gal 6:1),
10. a spiritual body (1Co 15:44),
11. a spiritual house (1Pe 2:5),
12. a spiritual law (Rom 7:14),
13. spiritual gifts (Rom 1:11),
14. spiritual sacrifices (1Pe 2:5),
15. spiritual blessings (Eph 1:3),
16. spiritual songs (Eph 5:19, Col 3:16):
– new songs, Ps 33:3, 40:3, 96:1, 98:1, 144:9, 149:1, Isa 42:10, Rev 5:9, 14:3
17. spiritual wickedness in high *places* (Eph 6:12): in our minds, false knowledge, disobedient thoughts, wicked imaginations [noemas], Ps 131:1-2, 2Co 10:3-6

Our Heart toward Spirituals:

1. be not ignorant concerning spirituals, 1Co 12:1
2. we are **blessed** with all spiritual blessings in the heavenlies in Christ, Eph 1:3
3. it was Paul’s longing to **impart** [to *give over*, i.e. *share*] some spiritual gift, Rom 1:11
4. spiritual gifts **establish** us [to *set fast*, i.e. (lit.) to *turn resolutely* in a certain direction], Rom 1:11
5. so let us **desire**, be **zealous** of, **seek** after, & **sow** unto spirituals, 1Co 14:1,12, Gal 6:8
6. for it is the Spirit that gives life, 2Co 3:6, Jn 6:63, Rev 11:11, Ro 8:10

The True Spiritual Man/Woman according to scripture:

1. the spiritual person is able to **acknowledge** the commandments of the Lord, 1Co 14:37
2. the spiritual person’s mind is set on the things that make for **life** and **peace**, Rom 8:6
3. the spiritual person seeks to **restore** others who are overtaken in a fault, Gal 6:1
4. & he operates in a spirit of **meekness**, considering himself, lest he also is tempted, Gal 6:1

Going from the Natural & Carnal to the Spiritual: 1st the natural, then the spiritual (1Co 15:46)

1. God’s ministers cannot communicate to us spirituals if we are still:
carnal [fleshly], babes in Christ, 1Co 3:1, or *natural* [soulish, ruled by our own desires/will], 1Co 2:13-15
2. must grow up to learn to compare spiritual things with spiritual by the Holy Ghost, 1Co 3:1-3, 2:13-15
3. by reason of use exercising our senses to discern both good and evil. Heb 5:14
4. follow after charity & seeking that ye may excel to the edifying of the church, 1Co 14:1,12