

THE WILLFULLY CARNAL BELIEVER

1 Corinthians 3:1-4 And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual people but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ. 2 I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able to receive it, and even now you are still not able; 3 for you are still carnal. For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men? 4 For when one says, "I am of Paul," and another, "I am of Apollos," are you not carnal?

1. The carnal Christian is a biblical _____ you must face and understand. (1 Cor. 3:1-4)
2. The carnal Christian needs to be distinguished from the _____ man and the _____ man. (1 Corinthians 2:14-3:1)
3. The carnal Christian possesses a wonderful eternal _____ while having a woeful temporary _____. (1 Corinthians 3:1)
4. The carnal Christian will lack anticipated spiritual _____ or will _____ instead of making _____ in their spiritual maturity. (Cor. 3:1-2)
5. The carnal Christian may be in this condition due to _____ or _____. (1 Cor. 3:1-3a)
6. The carnal Christian will be characterized by the _____ of the _____ instead of the _____ of the _____ in his daily walk. (1 Corinthians 3:3b)
7. The carnal Christian will conduct himself in such a way that he is _____ and _____ like an unbeliever. (1 Corinthians 3:3c)
8. The carnal Christian may be loaded with _____. (1 Corinthians 3:3-4)
9. The carnal Christian not only has lost _____ with the Lord but is in danger of losing his / her future _____ in Heaven, though never his / her eternal _____. (3:11-14)

1 Corinthians 3:11-14 For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 12 Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, 13 each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. 14 If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward.

10. The carnal Christian oftentimes devises a plan to serve Jesus Christ on his _____ and not on _____, in which he / she apes the _____ instead of being distinctly _____ from it. (1 Corinthians 4:6-17)
11. The carnal Christian tends to be dominated by _____ that manifests itself by rejecting or resisting appropriate spiritual _____ and _____. (4:15 -21)

1 Corinthians 4:15-21 For though you might have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet you do not have many fathers; for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel. 16 Therefore I urge you, imitate me. 17 For this reason I have sent Timothy to you, who is my beloved and faithful son in the Lord, who will remind you of my ways in Christ, as I teach everywhere in every church.

18 Now some are puffed up, as though I were not coming to you. 19 But I will come to you shortly, if the Lord wills, and I will know, not the word of those who are puffed up, but the power. 20 For the kingdom of God is not in word but in power. 21 What do you want? Shall I come to you with a rod, or in love and a spirit of gentleness?

12. The carnal Christian may _____ the grace of God and become involved in _____ . (1 Corinthians 5:1-2)

1 Corinthians 5:1-2 It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and such sexual immorality as is not even named among the Gentiles-- that a man has his father's wife! And you are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he who has done this deed might be taken away from among you.

2 Samuel 12:14 "However, because by this deed you have given great occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme ...

13. The carnal Christian will bring upon himself / herself _____ in one or more of its various forms. (1 Corinthians 5:3-8)

1 Corinthians 5:3-8 For I indeed, as absent in body but present in spirit, have already judged (as though I were present) him who has so done this deed. 4 In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when you are gathered together, along with my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, 5 deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus. 6 Your glorying is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? 7 Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us. 8 Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

- How does God discipline His children?
- How does this differ from Galatians 6:1?
- Proverbs 28:13; 1 Kings 18:17-19
- Psalm 51:17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, A broken and a contrite heart-- These, O God, You will not despise.
- Proverbs 28:13 He who covers his sins will not prosper, But whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy.
- Titus 2:11-13 For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, 12 teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, 13 looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,

1 Corinthians 5:9-13 I wrote to you in my epistle not to keep company with sexually immoral people. 10 Yet I certainly did not mean with the sexually immoral people of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out of the world. 11 But now I have written to you not to keep company with anyone named a brother, who is sexually immoral, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or an extortioner-- not even to eat with such a person. 12 For what have I to do with judging those also who are outside? Do you not judge those who are inside? 13 But those who are outside God judges. Therefore "put away from yourselves the evil person."