

**SPIRITUAL GIFTS – Part Three**  
Reference: miscellaneous Scripture  
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**PRINCIPLE SEVEN** is spiritual gifts are not an indication that someone is \_\_\_\_\_.

Biblical axiom: Godliness is better than \_\_\_\_\_

There are two classifications of Christians: spiritual Christians and non-spiritual Christians (also called carnal Christians).

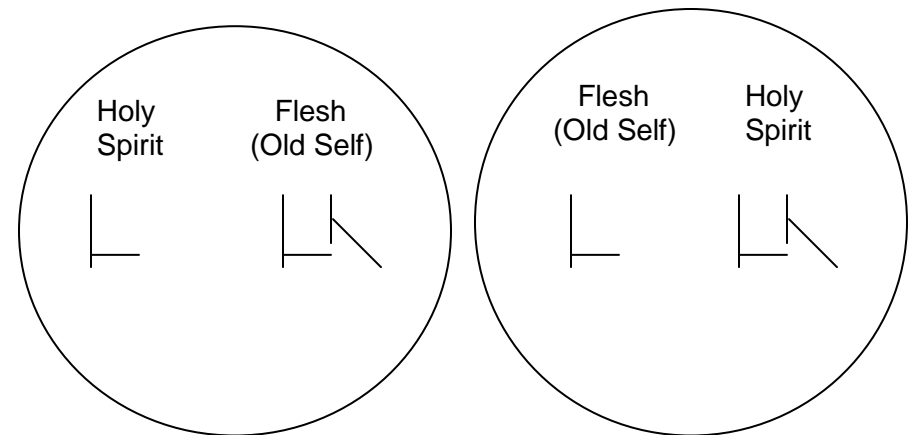
Biblical axiom: someone's spirituality is not \_\_\_\_\_ to his spiritual maturity.

**Definition:** Being spiritual or non-spiritual is a Christian's spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ at a particular moment in time.

**Definition:** Being mature as a Christian is someone's spiritual maturation \_\_\_\_\_ at a particular moment in time.

Reference: **Galatians 5:16-23**

**verse sixteen**, "I say then: walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust (desire) of the flesh."



**CARNAL CHRISTIAN**

**SPIRITUAL CHRISTIAN**

**verse seventeen**, “*For the flesh (our old self) lusts against the Spirit, (our new self) and the Spirit (our new self) (lusts) against the flesh; (our old self) and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish.*”

Reference: **Romans 7:15** and **18-20** (see screen)

QUESTION: how can we know if someone is being carnal or spiritual?  
The answer is to examine the practical experiential \_\_\_\_\_ of that individual.

If someone is carnal, then he's going to manifest conduct that characterizes the flesh. Paul mentions seventeen different sins that represent only some of what the depraved flesh is able to create in and through someone if the flesh (old self) is permitted to sit in the driver's seat.

**verse nineteen**, “*Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are:*

- 1) *adultery* (sexual relations with someone other than our marriage partner)
- 2) *fornication* (a generic term that means \_\_\_\_\_ immoral sexual behavior)
- 3) *uncleanness* (immoral fantasizing and relates to pornographic material)
- 4) *lewdness* (public \_\_\_\_\_ behavior)

**verse twenty**,

- 5) *idolatry* (putting someone or something above God)
- 6) *sorcery* (occult-related behavior)
- 7) *hatred* (\_\_\_\_\_ and bitterness toward someone)
- 8) *contentions* (being argumentative)
- 9) *jealousies* (being afraid someone else might get what we perceive to be ours)
- 10) *outbursts* of wrath (uncalled-for emotional outburst)
- 11) *selfish ambitions* (refers to \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ upward mobile types)
- 12) *dissensions* (to cause trouble and dissent)
- 13) *heresies* (\_\_\_\_\_ teaching)

**verse twenty one**,

- 14) *envy* (wanting what someone else has or does)
- 15) *murders* (from abortion to homicide to suicide, etc.)
- 16) *drunkenness* (\_\_\_\_\_)
- 17) *revelries* (wild parties)

**verse twenty-one** continues, “*and the like...of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.*”

If someone is spiritual, then that person is going to manifest conduct that characterizes the HS (our new self).

Paul mentions nine terms that are an example of what the HS creates in and through someone if the Spirit is permitted to sit in the driver's seat:

**verse twenty-two**, “*But the fruit of the Spirit is...*

- 1) *love* (a self-sacrificing act we do for someone else)
- 2) *joy* (happiness unrelated to someone's \_\_\_\_\_)
- 3) *peace* (inner satisfaction resulting from someone's confidence in God)
- 4) *longsuffering* (patience)
- 5) *kindness* (genuine \_\_\_\_\_ for others)
- 6) *goodness* (moral righteousness)
- 7) *faithfulness* (consistency)

**verse twenty-three**,

- 8) *gentleness* (meekness)
- 9) *self-control* (\_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_)

The Corinthians at Corinth had \_\_\_\_\_ the gifts represented in their congregation.

Reference: **I Corinthians 1:7**, “*so that you come short in no gift...*”

The Corinthians as a congregation exercised all the spiritual gifts, but that congregation was extremely carnal. Being gifted was not enough because the Corinthians neglected to position the Holy Spirit (the new self) into the driver's seat and manifest the fruit of the spirit. That's the reason Paul referred to them as carnal.

Reference: **I Corinthians 3:1a** and **3**,

**verse one**, “*And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual people but as to carnal...*

**verse three**, for **you are still carnal**. *For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men?”*