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WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

Pronounced "Soul"

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The Consequences of Living Carnal (5 of 5)

Carnal: Anything related to the fleshly or worldly appetites and desires rather than to the godly and spiritual desires. Basic human nature is carnal, but by the death, burial and resurrection of Christ, we have the power through choice. That is to walk in carnality or in the Spirit. People walk either in the flesh or in the Spirit, leading to death or to life. The carnal person is **hostile** to God! Unable to please God (Romans 8:1-11). Can we live any kind of way and God will approve of it? No, be careful in saying He knows my heart because His ways are not our ways! Also, we are not truly aware of the magnitude of sin in our own heart. Let us continue to review the results or consequences that take affect due to carnal living.

CARNALITY RESULTS IN LOST OF REWARDS.

1 CORINTHIANS 3:11-17 NLT – (11) For no one can lay any foundation other than the one we already have—Jesus Christ. **(12)** Anyone who builds on that foundation may use a variety of materials—gold, silver, jewels, wood, hay, or straw. **(13)** But on the judgment day, fire will reveal what kind of work each builder has done. The fire will show if a person's work has any value. **(14)** If the work survives, that builder will receive a reward. **(15)** But if the work is burned up, the builder will suffer great loss. The builder will be saved, but like someone barely escaping through a wall of flames. **(16)** Don't you realize that all of you together are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God lives in you? **(17)** God will destroy anyone who destroys this temple. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

Let every man take heed; there may be bad building on a good foundation. Nothing must be laid upon it, but what the foundation will bear. Let us not dare to join a merely human or a carnal life with a Divine faith, the corruption of sin with the profession of Christianity.

Christ is firm, abiding, and immovable Rock of ages, every way able to bear all the weight that God himself or the sinner can lay upon him; neither is there salvation in any other. Leave out the doctrine of His atonement, and there is no foundation for our hopes. Those who rest on this foundation, there are two sorts, some hold nothing but the truth as it is in Jesus, and preach nothing else. Others build on the good foundation what will not abide the test, when the day of trial comes.

We may be mistaken in ourselves and others; but there is a day coming that will show our actions in the true light, without covering or disguise. Those who spread true and pure religion in all its branches, and whose work will abide in the great day, shall receive a reward. There are others, whose corrupt opinions and doctrines, or vain inventions and usages in the worship of God, shall be made known, disowned, and rejected, in that day.

SCRIPTURE READING

2 CHRONICLES 20:35-37

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Life is like a game of tennis: serve well and you seldom lose.

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