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WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

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The Consequences of Living Carnal (4 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 PHYSICAL DEATH.

1 CORINTHIANS 10:1-13 NLT – (1) I don't want you to forget, dear brothers and sisters, about our ancestors in the wilderness long ago. All of them were guided by a cloud that moved ahead of them, and all of them walked through the sea on dry ground. (2) In the cloud and in the sea, all of them were baptized as followers of Moses. (3) All of them ate the same spiritual food, (4) and all of them drank the same spiritual water. For they drank from the spiritual rock that traveled with them, and that rock was Christ. (5) ***Yet God was not pleased with most of them***, and their bodies were scattered in the wilderness. (6) These things happened as a warning to us, so that we would not crave evil things as they did, (7) or worship idols as some of them did. As the Scriptures say, "The people celebrated with feasting and drinking, and they indulged in pagan revelry." (8) And we must not engage in sexual immorality as some of them did, causing 23,000 of them to die in one day. (9) Nor should we put Christ to the test, as some of them did and then died from snakebites. (10) And don't grumble as some of them did, and then were destroyed by the angel of death. (11) These things happened to them as examples for us. They were written down to warn us who live at the end of the age. (12) If you think you are standing strong, be careful not to fall. (13) The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you can endure.

Although all Israel left Egypt and all professed to be one in heart and soul with their leader Moses, yet the sad truth is that although their bodies were in the wilderness, yet their hearts were still back in Egypt. They enjoyed a physical deliverance from the bondage of Pharaoh, but they lusted after the sinful pleasures of that country. And then verse (5) speaks "***He was not pleased with most of them.***"

Why are so many people living worldly and *seem* to be getting away with it? **2 PETER 3:9** is the answer. Nevertheless, carnality can lead one to their eternal home.

SCRIPTURE READING

PROVERBS 1:8-19

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

God is as good as His word.

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