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WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

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The Consequences of Living Carnal (2 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 sin magnitude of our own heart. Let us continue to review the results or consequences that take affect due to carnal living.

CARNALITY RESULTS IN UNANSWERED PRAYER

JAMES 1:5-8 NLT – (5) But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him. (6) But he must ask in **faith** without any **doubting**, for the one who **doubts** is like the surf of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind. (7) For that man ought not to expect that he will receive anything from the Lord, (8) being a **double-minded man, unstable** in all his ways.

Prayer is simply defined as communication with God. God has much joy in listening and answering His children's prayers. The answer will be accurate, full of the wisdom, understanding and knowledge that could only come from the true and living God. In other words, the answer will be the perfect answer! But what would cause Him not to answer?

Remember, God is a God of light, a God of truth, a God of life! His way is the absolute correct way. Therefore, when we live any kind of way (carnal), we live outside the boundaries of His teachings. The only prayer He will answer, is a **repentant** one. There is no confusion about His teachings. There is no such thing as in the bible doesn't speak on this or that. God did not make a mistake! So the reason some live for two masters is because some want to live their lives for the true and living God and sometimes for Satan as well. This behavior is known as carnality. A behavior of confusion, wishy washy or double mindedness is not of God. Therefore, we will receive no answer!

MATTHEW 6:24 NLT - (24) "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

SCRIPTURE READING

ISAIAH 44:24-28

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"Procrastination is like a credit card, it's a lot of fun until you get the bill."

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