

Attributes of the carnal Christian

Introduction

The bible divides the believers into 2 groups : 1Cor 3:1 And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, *even* as unto babes in Christ. So we need to know what are the attributes of the Carnal Christian :

1. Envy, strife, and divisions: 1Cor 3:3
2. 2Tim 3:7 Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth : they like so much to listen study the word of God but never obey it
3. Rom 8:7 Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So it is the mind that rejects God and refuses to follow his way.
4. they are unfit to absorb spiritual teaching. "I fed you with milk, not solid food; for you were not ready.
5. remaining long as babes, As a deplorable consequence the church is over-stuffed with big babes. [Heb 5:12](#) For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which *be* the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.

Solution for Carnal Christian :

- 1- To Believe ,Trust that You've died with Jesus Christ .[Rom 6:6](#) Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with *him*, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.
- 2- Remind yourself that ,[Rom 6:11](#) Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- 3- [Col 3:5](#) Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:
- 4- [1Co 9:27](#) But I keep under my body, and bring *it* into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.

Spiritual bondages:

The Bondage of Fear:

Rom 8:15 states: For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father

And we have many types of Fear : fear of rejection; fear of failure; fear of pain and suffering (Rom 8:17 If so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.); fear of people judging us; fear of being described like holding traditional old values, old fashioned , fanatics, odd in the world; fear of the future; fear of being criticized, etc. Therefore, concerning the Bondage of fear we need to :

1. Empty and unburden your desires : **1 Tim 6:9** But those who **want** to get rich fall into **temptation** and a **snare** and many foolish and harmful desires which plunge men into ruin and destruction.

Also **Mt 13:46** ...and upon finding one pearl of great value, he went and **sold all that he had** and bought it.

2. Discern , stop and bind the thoughts of the Carnal mind and the flesh: **2 Cor 2:11** so that no advantage would be taken of us by Satan, for we are **not ignorant** of his schemes.

2 Cor 10:5 We are **destroying** speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are **taking every thought captive** to the obedience of Christ

3. Subdue and discipline my body :**1 Cor 9:27** But I discipline my body and make it my slave, so that, after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified.

Example of The Luke warm(Carnal) Christian :

Jesus **commanded** us in many situations to deny ourselves, such as these verses: Mt 10 : 34-39 ,Mk 8: 35 Luk 9: 23, Jn 12:25

Luk 9:23 "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me."

But in **Jr 17: 9** "The heart is more deceitful than all else and is desperately sick; Who can understand it?"

These verses put pressure on our soul to witness, and our souls often have a resistive reaction. However, in the beginning of the creation, God says this in Rev. 3:

- ¹⁵ I know your **deeds**, that you are neither cold nor hot; I wish that you were cold or hot.
- ¹⁶ 'So because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, **I will spit you out of my mouth.**
- ¹⁷ 'Because you say, "I am **rich**, and have become **wealthy**, and have **need of nothing**," and you do not know that you are **wretched** and **miserable** and **poor** and **blind** and **naked**,
- ¹⁸ I advise you to buy from Me **gold refined by fire** so that you may become rich, and **white garments** so that you may clothe yourself, and *that* the shame of your nakedness will not be revealed; and **eye salve** to anoint your eyes so that you may see.
- ¹⁹ Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline; therefore be zealous and repent.
- ²⁰ 'Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me.
- ²¹ 'He who **overcomes**, I will grant to him to sit down with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.

The Role of the Devil:

In **Psalm 19:7** we are told: The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple

So we just need to admit that there are some spots in our soul that need to be converted by the word of God

4. Referring to the fourth beast (Satan), in Daniel 7: 25 states: He shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws.

The effect of the devil is to make deterioration or decay in the believer's life.