

TWO WAYS - TWO MINDS - TWO HEARTS

Numbers 6:24-26 "The Lord bless you and keep you! May the LORD make his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! May the Lord turn his face upon you and give you peace!"

Human Nature: Scripturally called fleshly or flesh

The spiritual nature: called a new birth or a new creature

ONE WAY JESUS CHRIST

Jn 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life.

The two ways

The Way of the Righteous

Ps 1:1-3 Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, who does not stand in the way of sinners; nor does he sit in the company of scoffers; but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and meditates on that law day and night. He will be like a tree planted by streams, which bears its fruit in its season, and whose foliage does not wither; and everything it does, it will prosper.

The Way of the Wicked

Ps 1:4-6 "Not so the wicked; on the contrary, they are like chaff that the wind scatters. Therefore the wicked will not stand before judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous. For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked leads to ruin.

The Carnal Man and the Spiritual Man

Jn 3:6-7 "That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Don't be surprised if I told you, "You must be born again."

The two minds

The Carnal Mind

Rom 1:28 "Because they did not care to know God, God gave them up to the mercy of their perverse minds, so that they would do what was improper."

Cl 2:18-19 "Let no one rob you of your reward at will, under a pretext of humility and worship of angels, relying on his own visions, puffed up with vanity in his carnal mind, without holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, well supplied and joined together by joints and ligaments, advances in the growth willed by God.

2 Tim 3:8 "And as Janneh and Jambre opposed Moses, so also these are opposed to the truth: men of corrupt minds, who have not given a good proof of faith.

1:15 "All things are clean to those who are clean; but to the defiled and unbelievers nothing is pure; but both their minds and their consciences are unclean.

The Spiritual Mind

Lk 24:45 (Risen Jesus) Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.

2 Corinthians 1:17 "Have I acted lightly in making this decision? Or are my decisions dictated by the flesh, so that in me there is at the same time

the "yes, yes" and the "no, no"?

Mt 16:17 Jesus replied and said, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, because it is not flesh and blood that have revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.

Eph 4:22-24 You have learned in your former course to put off the old man who is corrupted by deceitful passions, but to be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and to put on the new man who is created in the image of God in the righteousness and holiness that proceed from the truth.

Rom 12:2 "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may know by experience what the will of God is, the good, the pleasing and perfect will.

1 Corinthians 2:16 For "who knew the mind of the Lord that he could teach him?" Now we have the mind of Christ.

The Two Hearts

The carnal heart

Ge 6:5 And the LORD saw that the wickedness of men was great in the earth, and that their hearts were only thinking evil at all times.

Jeremiah 17:9 "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it?

Ge 8:21 "The Lord smelled a sweet smell; and the Lord said in his heart, 'I will no more curse the earth for man's sake, for the heart of man has devised evil designs from his youth; I will no longer strike every living being as I did.

Mt 15:18 "But what comes out of the mouth comes from the heart, and it is that which defiles a man."

Rom 1:21 ... although they had known God, they did not glorify him as God,

nor did they thank him; but they have given themselves over to vain reasoning, and **their unintelligent hearts have been darkened.**

Rom 8:5-8 ... those who are according to the flesh think of the things of the flesh; but those who are according to the Spirit think of the things of the Spirit. But what the flesh craves is death, while what the Spirit craves is life and peace; for that which the flesh covets is enmity against God, because it is not subject to the law of God, nor can it be; and **those who are in the flesh cannot please God.**

1 Corinthians 15:50 "Now this I say, brethren, that **flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God**; neither can decay bodies inherit incorruption.

Heb 3:12 "Beware, brethren, **lest there be in any of you an evil and unbelieving heart**, which will turn you away from the living God."

The Spiritual Heart

Ac 16:14 A woman from the city of Thyatiri, a merchant of purple, named Lydia, who feared God, listened to us. **The Lord opened her heart** to make her attentive to the things Paul said.

Rom 2:29 "But he is a Jew who is a Jew inwardly; and **circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit**, not in the letter; of such a Jew the praise comes, not from men, but from God."

Acts 4:32 "**The company of those who believed were of one heart and soul**; there was no one who said that any of the things he possessed were his, but all were in common among them.

2 Corinthians 3:3 It is known that **you are a letter of Christ, written by our service, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone, but on tablets that are hearts of flesh.**

Eph 1:17 ... may the **God** of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation so that you may know him fully; may

he enlighten the eyes of your hearts, that you may know to what hope he has called you, what is the riches of the glory of his inheritance which he reserves for you among the saints.

Jn 7:38 "He who believes in me, as the Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from his bosom.

Pr 4:23 "Guard your heart above all things, for from it come the springs of life."

Mr 12:30 Therefore thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength.

How can we overcome our carnal nature?

The Apostle Paul Conquered His Carnal Nature

Phil 3:8-16 "But I think that all things are bad in comparison with the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have renounced everything; I count these things as so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not with my own righteousness of the law. but with that which is obtained through faith in Christ: the righteousness that comes from God, based on faith. All this in order to know Christ, the power of his resurrection, the fellowship of his sufferings, becoming conformed to him in his death,

to somehow reach the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have already achieved all this or have already arrived at perfection; but I continue on the path to try to grasp what I have also been grasped by Christ Jesus for. Brethren, I do not think I have already grasped it; but one thing I do: forgetting the things that are behind and reaching out to those that are ahead, i run towards the goal to obtain the reward of God's heavenly calling in Christ Jesus. Let this, then, be the sentiment of those who are mature; if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal it to you also. Only, from the point we have reached, we continue walking along the same path.

2 Tim 4:8 "As for me, I am about to be offered up in a drink offering, and the time for my departure has come." I fought the good fight, I finished the race, I kept the faith. The crown of righteousness is now reserved for me which the Lord, the righteous judge, will assign me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all those who have loved his appearance.

The apostle Paul shows us how to overcome our fleshly nature:

Gal 5:16-17,24-25 "I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will by no means fulfill the desires of the flesh." For the flesh has desires contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit has desires contrary to the flesh; they are opposite things; so that you can't do what you would like. Those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, we also walk guided by the Spirit.

Gal 6:7-8 "Do not be deceived; God cannot be mocked; for what a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows for his flesh will reap corruption from the flesh; but he who sows for the Spirit will reap eternal life from the Spirit.

1 Thess 5:23 "Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and let your whole being, your spirit, soul, and body, be kept blameless by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The apostle Paul tells us that those who belong to Christ have already crucified the flesh and its passions, but this does not detract from the fact that there is always an enemy that persecutes us, Satan and his followers, who try to find both those who do not walk by the Spirit but by the flesh and those who for a while have stopped walking by the Spirit. But how can we always walk in the Spirit and avoid the works of the flesh?

The Word of God comes to our aid to this question:

Heb 4:12,14-16 "For the word of God is alive and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing to the point of dividing the soul from

the spirit, the joints from the marrow; it judges the feelings and thoughts of the heart. Therefore, having a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us stand firm in the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with us in our weaknesses, for he was tempted as we are in all things, without sinning. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with full confidence, that we may obtain mercy and find grace and be helped in due time.

Before we consider this verse, we must understand that we have three hearts and three minds:

1st Heart - the spiritual one - in our spirit

2nd Heart - the carnal one - in our soul

3rd Heart - the physical one that pumps blood - in our body

In the same way, the mind:

1st Mind - the spiritual one - in our spirit

2nd Mind - the carnal one - in our soul

3rd Mind - the physical one, our brain with the two lobes - in our body

We do not consider the physical part on this occasion even if the body needs its care for good health and keep it away from impurities, since it is the temple of the Holy Spirit that we offer in living sacrifice. But consider the spiritual part, which is our soul having a carnal mind and heart, and our spirit having a spiritual mind and heart. The verse in question of Hebrews 4 says that we cannot separate the carnal soul (carnal mind and heart) from the spirit (spiritual mind and heart), but only the Living Word of God, which is better than a sword, separates the carnal soul from the spirit, and this happens when we listen, meditate and put into practice the Word of God, and when the Word of God interposes itself between the flesh and the spirit, the flesh can do nothing against the spirit because the Word of God rejects it, and our spirit takes control over the carnal soul

and body and walks by the Spirit producing the fruits of the Spirit. But when the Word of God fails, is neglected, not separating the carnal soul from the spirit, one falls into temptation and sin, and is subject to the works of the flesh, because the carnal soul takes authority and control of the body. In conclusion, in order to overcome our fleshly nature, we must meditate on and put God's word into practice every day, have fellowship with the Holy Spirit, pray in the Spirit and with our intelligence, and serve the Lord according to His will and the Holy Spirit's directions.

2 Corinthians 13:13 "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all." Amen.