

# Who's Leading?

by Linville Dunaway, Corinth Christian church

**1 Corinthians 2:11-14**, "For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."

We understand and live by the spirit of the flesh, or by the spirit of the Lord. If we have not been saved and given the spirit of God then all we know is the flesh. To live knowing only the spirit of the natural man is to know only the understanding and values of the flesh. Such a

man doesn't know the love of God and sees no need to walk with God and to keep the commandments. Can a natural man walk with the Lord? As the scriptures say, "He that is in the flesh cannot please God." (Romans 8:8).

The flesh lusts against the Spirit and the Spirit against the flesh, (**Galatians 5:17**). So the man who is led by his own fleshly spirit is working against the Spirit. He is not interested in pleasing God, but in satisfying the flesh. In taking care of the flesh and catering to its wants there is little, if any, room for the Spiritual needs of man. In so many ways the flesh is weak, but it is strong in its demand for satisfaction.

When a man comes to the Lord and is given the indwelling of the Holy Spirit then the flesh is no longer in control. That is not to say that we no longer have to deal with it, for we will as long as we live. When the Spirit of God lives within us then we are not alone in our fight. As we look to the Lord we have help to combat our fleshly desires. It is one thing to contend with the wants of the body, but another thing to have the flesh in control.

If our aim is to live for the Lord then he is leading us and not our fleshly nature. We are mindful of the things of the Spirit and seek to grow and to increase our understanding of the Lord's will. There is a vast difference between the way we lived under the leading of the physical impulses and the leading of the Spirit. In Christ we seek to please the Lord for our eternal well being and not to live for some temporary pleasure. The things of the flesh are only for a short time, but that which is for the spirit is for eternity.

It makes all the difference to know who's leading as we go through our lives here on earth. If we live for the moment with no regard for the Lord, then the life is wasted. However, if we live with the purpose of living for God then we have used our years to a good purpose here on earth. It is up to us as to how we spend our time here. Those who live in the Spirit will have an eternity in heaven. A life spent in a vain pursuit of fleshly pleasures will have an eternity to regret the wasted life. Who is leading you as you go through the years here on earth?

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