

"For To Be Carnally Minded Is Death; but to be Spiritually minded is Life and Peace." *Romans 8:6 KJV*

It's impossible to see color properly while looking through sunglasses. They warp your color perception. The lust of our flesh/body colors our perception of Truth and the spiritual realm. "The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God...neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." Our lust is a darkened lens that filters out the Light of Truth. God's Word gives our soul glimpses of eternal Truth's intended brilliance. We need to remember those glimpses when viewing life through the darkened lens of lust just like we remember that grass is green when wearing sunglasses. Lust is effectually SON glasses. However, our flesh is not a SHIELD against the Light of Truth, but rather a distortion of it. We need to be ever questioning our thoughts and what they reveal to us: "Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the Knowledge of God (God's Word), and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ." We must compare our carnal perceptions and worldly wisdom against the purity of God's Word before making any decision, including what toothpaste to buy or what color socks to wear. If we get in the habit of "proving what is acceptable unto God" with the small decisions, it will be vital to us in the large important ones. Whatever our flesh perceives needs to be held up to the Light of Truth and evaluated before we act on it. If we just follow our lusts, we are being "carnally minded." To be otherwise minded, or Spiritually minded, requires constant vigilance, "because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour." He doesn't devour you physically; he devours you mentally and emotionally. Your thoughts and emotions are the battlefield where you live or die! That's why we are told, "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus." Let the Castle of Truth dominate the landscape of your mind and the foe will have no entrance to the treasures within. The flesh fights hardest when it is closest to death. You must do as the Apostle and bring the "body...into subjection." Paul pleaded with the Church at Rome, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your BODIES a living sacrifice, Holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." It will fight you until you leave it in death or the Resurrection, whichever comes first. The question is, "Who is really the Boss? God or your body? "Servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto Righteousness." Many times the mule will move in the right direction if provoked with a carrot. We are told to "provoke one another unto good works." Provoke is good word to use when it comes to some Christians, because without incentive they're not interested. How's this for an incentive? "The Love of Christ constraineth me."



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Carnal minds like ducks in a row,
Will lust to sin where e'er they go,
God's Love demands our life our all,
We dare not tarry when He calls. -CGP

Many SAY they have faith, but few do. "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things NOT SEEN. Faith, if it hath not works (obedience to God's Word), is dead." Is your faith alive? Does your life reflect your faith or hide it? What fills your heart? Lust or Truth? Does the Castle of Truth still need to be built?

"The name of the LORD (Truth) is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe." *Proverbs 18:10 KJV*