



## New Life Tabernacle News Letter - 2012

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### From the Bishop's Pen!

Don't Let Feelings Fool You—Continued from September

How do we learn to walk in the Spirit? I believe one of the best ways is to understand the differences between the natural man, the carnal man and the spiritual man. THE NATURAL MAN AND THE CARNAL MAN In 1 Corinthians 2 and 3, the apostle Paul talks about two types of people that are led by their fleshly desires--the natural man and the carnal man. The natural man is the person who is not saved--his spirit is dead and totally devoid of God's Spirit. He "does not accept or welcome or admit into his heart the gifts and teachings and revelations of the Spirit of God, for they are folly (meaningless nonsense) to him; and he is incapable of knowing them (of progressively recognizing, understanding, and becoming better acquainted with them) because they are spiritually discerned and estimated and appreciated" (1 Cor. 2:14). Since God is a Spirit and the things about Him are spiritually discerned, the natural man cannot understand anything about God. Why? Because his spirit is dead in sin (see Eph. 2:1).

The carnal man, on the other hand, has experienced new birth in Christ. But although his spirit has been made alive through his faith in Jesus, his life is dominated by the desires of the flesh--the combined cravings of his body and soul. He does what he wants and is aimlessly led around by his feelings.

The carnal man is a people-pleaser who cares more about what people think than about obeying God. This was the case with many of the Corinthians. It is also the way many Christians are living today.

Look at what Paul says: "For you are still [unspiritual, having the nature] of the flesh [under the control of ordinary impulses]. For as long as [there are] envying and jealousy and wrangling and factions among you, are you not unspiritual and of the flesh, behaving yourselves after a human standard and like mere (unchanged) men?" (1 Cor. 3:3). In other words, Paul is saying that these carnal Christians were immature and operating out of their emotions--whatever they felt like saying and whatever they felt like doing, they did. Carnal Christians are easy to identify. They are usually in strife, discontent, easily offended and lacking peace. The spiritual man has a full-time commitment to follow Christ, and he lets the Lord into every area of his life. He walks in integrity, humility and peace. He knows how to get along with others. His life displays the fruit of the Spirit, and he enjoys the favour of God.

First Corinthians 2:15 says, *"But the spiritual man tries all things [he examines, investigates, inquires into, questions, and discerns all things], yet is himself to be put on trial and judged by no one [he can read the meaning of everything, but no one can properly discern or appraise or get an insight into him]."* What Paul is saying here is that the spiritual man doesn't live his life on a whim--impulsively following his fleshly desires for what he wants, thinks and feels. Instead he lives by discernment. What is the difference between feelings and discernment? Feelings are of the flesh--they are shallow and constantly subject to change. Discernment, on the other hand, is knowing in the spirit--something that comes from deep inside and is given to us by the Holy Spirit. every time you choose to listen to and follow the Holy Spirit's promptings, our spirits grow stronger and a little bit more of our flesh dies. As a result, more and more of God's power is released in our lives to operate in the fruit of the Spirit. By yielding to the Holy Spirit rather than being controlled by our emotions, we honour God and put ourselves in a position to be radically blessed. Developing discernment and being led by the Spirit is not something that happens over-night--it is a learning process that takes time. Little by little, one experience after another, God tries, or tests, our hearts, emotions and thinking (see Ps. 7:9, The Amplified Bible). How does He do it? He allows us to go through difficult situations that stir up our emotions. In this way, you and I are able to see for ourselves how emotionally unstable we can become and how desperately we need His help.

To be continued....

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A young couple invited their **aged Pastor** for Sunday lunch. While they were in the kitchen preparing the meal, the minister asked their son, what they were having. 'Goat,' the little boy replied. 'Goat?' replied the startled man of the cloth, 'Are you sure about that?' 'Yep', said the youngster. 'I definitely heard Dad say to Mum, we might as well have the old goat for dinner today as any other day.'

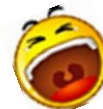


A woman walked up to a little old man rocking in a chair on his porch. "I couldn't help noticing how happy you look," she said. "What's your secret for a long happy life?"

"I smoke three packs of cigarettes a day," he said. "I also drink a case of whiskey a week, eat fatty foods, and never exercise."

"That's amazing," the woman said. "How old are you?"

"Twenty-six," he said.



**Birthdays: Be Blessed in Jesus Name!**

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Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson go on a camping trip, set up their tent, and fall asleep. Some hours later, Holmes wakes his faithful friend.' Watson, look up at the sky and tell me what you see.' Watson replies, 'I see millions of stars.'



'What does that tell you?'

Watson ponders for a minute.' Astronomically speaking, it tells me that there are millions of galaxies and potentially billions of planets. Astrologically, it tells me that Saturn is in Leo. Time wise, it appears to be approximately a quarter past three. Theologically, it's evident the Lord is all-powerful and we are small and insignificant. Meteorologically, it seems we will have a beautiful day tomorrow. What does it tell you?

Holmes is silent for a moment, then speaks. 'Watson, you idiot, someone has stolen our tent.'



This minister just had all of his remaining teeth pulled and new dentures were being made. The first Sunday, he only preached 10 minutes. The second Sunday, he preached only 20 minutes. But, on the third Sunday, he preached 1 hour 25 minutes. When asked about this by some of the congregation, he responded this way.

The first Sunday, my gums were so sore it hurt to talk.

The second Sunday, my dentures were hurting a lot.

The third Sunday, I accidentally grabbed my wife's dentures... and I couldn't stop talking!





**You have to  
start very  
young!!!...  
Or maybe she  
is trying to un-  
hook it**



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We are Apostolic Pentecostals

- We are Charismatic and Passionate about Jesus Christ
- We believe in One God
- We believe baptism in the Name of Jesus Christ
- We believe in the Baptism of the Holy Spirit
- We believe in living a Godly Life.