



"Carne" has to do with meat and that is where we get the idea of carnivorous. Carnal is pertaining to the flesh. It is the opposite of spiritual. It is to be given to the lusts of the flesh. This is a term that is used often in our Bible believing camps. This term is used by some to describe a Christian who has one less conviction than they do. So is a person carnal who does not have the same convictions as you? What would be a guideline to say whether a person is carnal or not? What are the indicators of a carnal person? To be carnally minded is the opposite of spiritually minded. To be carnally minded is against God.

Romans 8:6-7, "For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be."

The carnal mind is against God. The carnal mind is not subject to God. The carnal mind thinks of nothing else than self. The carnal Christian is consumed with self. God is not in the thought life of the carnal man. The carnal mind must be reckoned to be dead. You must be renewed in the spirit of your mind on a daily basis.

Romans 12:2, "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God."

Ephesians 4:23, "And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;"

You can read your Bible every day and you can still be a carnal Christian. You can pray everyday and even go to church every time the doors are open and still be a carnal Christian. To be carnally minded is to be led by the flesh. It is to do what your flesh wants to do. It is to go by how you feel instead doing God's will. It is to put your desires and will ahead of God's will. You may pretend to be spiritual but God looks on the heart. You may have your own guidelines and spiritual checklist that you check off to judge yourself and your spirituality. You may impress others by what you do or may not do. You may have the outward appearances of a spiritual Christian but in the eyes of God you may be carnal. Are you led by the flesh or by the Spirit of God? Do you mind the things of the Spirit of God?

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