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YOU CHOOSE!

*Carnal or Spiritual?*



# 1 CORINTHIANS 3:1-4 (NKJV)

<sup>1</sup> And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual *people* but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ. <sup>2</sup> I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able *to receive it*, and even now you are still not able; <sup>3</sup> for you are still carnal. For where *there are* envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like *mere* men? <sup>4</sup> For when one says, “I am of Paul,” and another, “I *am* of Apollos,” are you not carnal?



# It's All About ME!

*The Pervasive Sin  
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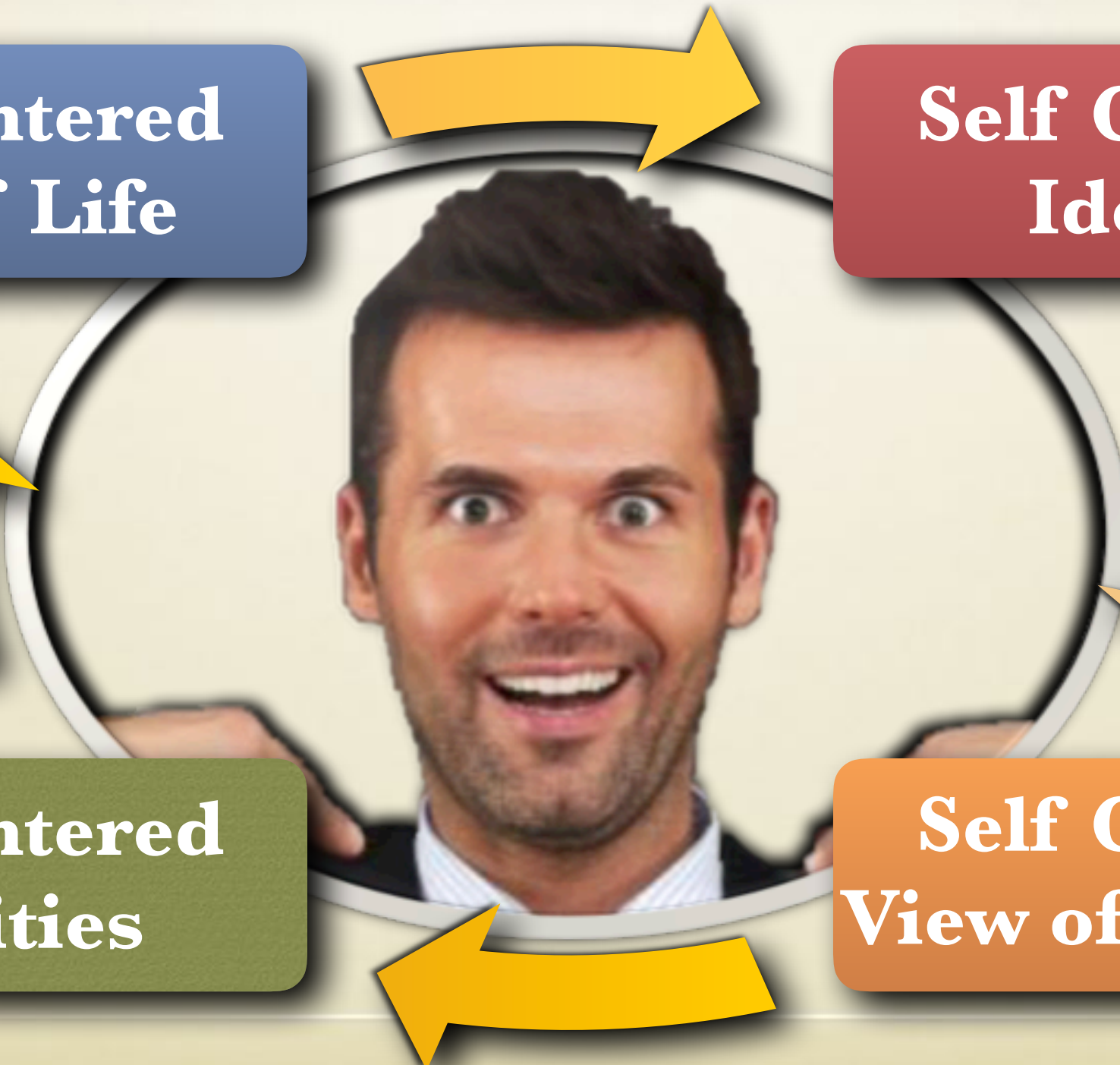
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**Self-Conceit**

**Self-Indulgence**

**Self-Willed**





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- **“Confusion and every evil thing are there.”** - *James 3:16*
- **“Lovers of themselves ... boasters, proud, ... lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God”** - *2 Tim. 3:1-5*
- **“Corrupt themselves”** - *Jude 5-19*



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ROMANS 1:18-32

- **Reject God's authority** - *1:18-21*
- **Self Exaltation** - *1:22- 23*
- **Self Worship & Service** - *1:24-25*
- **Self Destruction** - *1:26-32*



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- SELF exaltation / controlling
- SELF satisfaction / demanding
- SELF supportive / neglect others
- SELF justification / defensive
- SELF righteousness / judgmental

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## 1 Corinthians 1-11

**Sectarian / Divisive**

*1:10-13; 3:1-4*

**Human Wisdom**

*1:18-2:16; 3:18-21*

**Condonates Sin**

*5:1-3,6; 6:9-10*

**Selfish / Demanding**

*6:1-8; 4:6-7; 11:17-22*

**Sinful / inconsiderate**

*6:9-20; 7:5, 10,11; 8:1-13*

**Jesus / Unity**

*1:1-10; 3:5-11; 4:14-17*

**Fools For Christ**

*1:10; 4:6-7*

**Condemns Sin**

*5:4,5, 7-13 ; 6:11-20*

**Selfless / Give / Serve**

*5:4,5, 7-13 ; 10:31-11:1, 23-34*

**Godly / Considerate**

*6:11, 7:5, 7:14-16; 8:1, 13; 9:12-27*




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## 1 Corinthians 12-14



**Use what they have received  
from God to glorify  
themselves - 12:15-17;**

**Do what they do to exalt and  
please themselves  
13:1-3; 14:2830; 34-38;**

- **Using what the Holy Spirit gives for the building up of the body - 12:4-26**
- **All things to be done for the edification of the body, decently & in order - 14:1- 40**
- **Love - 13:4- 13**

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## 1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-13 (NKJV)

<sup>4</sup> Love suffers long *and* is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; <sup>5</sup> does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; <sup>6</sup> does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; <sup>7</sup> bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. <sup>8</sup> Love never fails. ... <sup>13</sup> And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these *is* love.



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## MARK 12:29-31 (NKJV)

<sup>29</sup> Jesus answered him, “The first of all the commandments *is: ‘Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one.* <sup>30</sup> *And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ This is the first commandment.* <sup>31</sup> And the second, like *it, is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’* There is no other commandment greater than these.”

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*The Fruitfulness of Selflessness*

## COLOSSIANS 3:12-15 (NKJV)

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, as *the* elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; <sup>13</sup> bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also *must do*. <sup>14</sup> But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. <sup>15</sup> And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.



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PHILIPPIANS 2:1-5 (NKJV)

<sup>1</sup> Therefore if *there is* any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, <sup>2</sup> fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, *being* of one accord, of one mind.

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## PHILIPPIANS 2:1-5 (NKJV)

<sup>3</sup> *Let nothing be done* through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. <sup>4</sup> Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others. <sup>5</sup> Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,



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2 Co 6:14-7:1; 1 Pt 1:13-21

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John 5:30; 6:38; Phil. 2:8  
Gal 3:26,27; Eph 5:1

Mat 6:19-33; Heb. 10:24,25

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Rom. 12:2; Col. 3:1-3

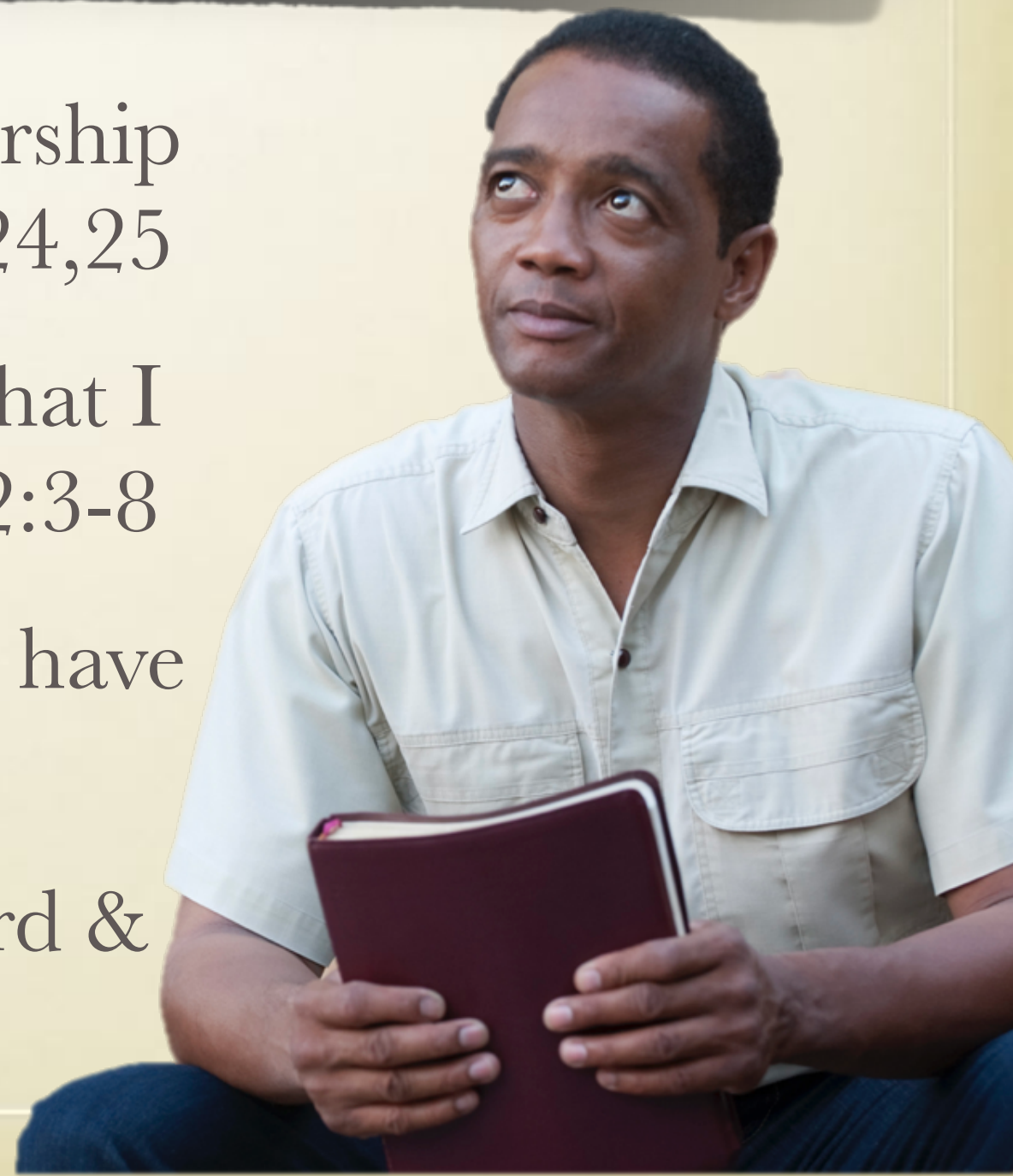


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## **Being God Centered SHOWS!**

- In my ATTENDANCE for worship & Bible study — Hebrews 10:24,25
- In SERVING the body with what I am able to provide — Rom. 12:3-8
- In GIVING to the LORD as I have prospered — 1 Cor. 16:1,2
- In TEACHING the lost in word & deed — Acts 8:4





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### **MATTHEW 16:24-26** (NKJV)

<sup>24</sup> Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. <sup>25</sup> For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. <sup>26</sup> For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?



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## **Self Centered *or* God Centered?**



- **Deny yourself** – Mat 16:24; Phil 3:7,8
- **Put God FIRST & others NEXT** - Like Jesus did - 2 Cor 8:9; Phil 2:1-10; Rom 6:16-18
- **Learn to LOVE!** – Mark 12:29-31; Lk 10:36,37; Rom 13:8
- **OR LOSE EVERYTHING!**





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## ROMANS 14:14-21 (NKJV)

<sup>14</sup> I know and am convinced by the Lord Jesus that *there is* nothing unclean of itself; but to him who considers anything to be unclean, to him *it is* unclean. <sup>15</sup> Yet if your brother is grieved because of *your* food, you are no longer walking in love. Do not destroy with your food the one for whom Christ died. <sup>16</sup> Therefore do not let your good be spoken of as evil;

# ROMANS 14:14-21 (NKJV)

<sup>17</sup> for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. <sup>18</sup>

For he who serves Christ in these things *is* acceptable to God and approved by men. <sup>19</sup> Therefore let us pursue the things *which make* for peace and the things by which one may edify another.



# ROMANS 14:14-21 (NKJV)

<sup>20</sup> Do not destroy the work of God for the sake of food. All things indeed *are* pure, but *it is* evil for the man who eats with offense. <sup>21</sup> It is good neither to eat meat nor drink wine nor *do anything* by which your brother stumbles or is offended or is made weak.