

4-C Natural, Carnal & Spiritual Men

God works through people whose hearts are yielded to Him.

Satan also works through people whose hearts are yielded to him. Who are YOU working for?

The Natural Man (*psuchikos*; soo-kee-kos')

THE NATURAL MAN: [*Psuchikos* <5591>] the animal man, one who lives in a natural state, and under the influence of his animal passions; for [*psuche* <5590>] means the inferior and sensual part of man, in opposition to the [*nous* <3563>] understanding, or [*pneuma* <4151>] the spirit. The unregenerate man who does not know Christ. The unsaved, without the indwelling Spirit of God. Since this person has no connection to God through the Spirit, spiritual matters are “foolishness” to him, and he cannot understand them. He is blinded to spiritual reality, even good and evil. This person is a child of Satan, though he or she may show forth much human goodness, and even be very religious. These individuals serve their sensual nature, their flesh, as it might be prompted by the world system or the demonic forces behind the world. Their approach to life is one of “works”, either good or bad. They know nothing of grace. **In the Old Testament typology, this individual is still in slavery in Egypt.** To a greater or lesser degree, Satan continually works through this individual.

- MAT 13:11** He (Jesus) replied, **“The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them.** 12 Whoever has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him. 13 **This is why I speak to them in parables:** “Though seeing, they do not see; 14 In them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah: ”**“You will be ever hearing but never understanding; you will be ever seeing but never perceiving.**
- JOH 3:3** In reply Jesus declared, “I tell you the truth, **no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again.”** (*born of the Spirit*)
- JOH 8:42** **Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love me,** for I came from God and now am here. I have not come on my own; but he sent me. 43 **Why is my language not clear to you? Because you are unable to hear what I say.** 44 **You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father’s desire.** He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for **he is a liar and the father of lies.** 45 Yet because I tell the truth, you do not believe me!
- 1CO 1:18** **For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing,** but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 19 For it is written: ‘I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.’
- 1CO 2:14** **But the NATURAL MAN (*psuchikos*) does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually (*pneumatikos*) discerned.**
- 2CO 3:14** But their minds were made dull, for to this day the same veil remains when the old covenant is read. It has not been removed, because only in Christ is it taken away. 15 Even to this day when Moses (the law) is read, a veil covers their hearts. 16 But **whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.** 17 Now **THE LORD IS THE SPIRIT, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.** 18 And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord’s glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.
- 2CO 4:3** And even **if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing.** 4 **The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ,** who is the image of God.
- EPH 2:1** As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, 2 in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, **the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.** 3 All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath.
- 2TI 2:24** And the Lord’s servant must not quarrel; instead, he must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful. 25 Those who oppose him he must gently instruct, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth, 26 and **that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will.**
- JUDE 17** But, dear friends, remember what the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ foretold. 18 They said to you, “In the last times there will be scoffers who will follow their own ungodly desires.” 19 **These are the men who divide you, who follow mere NATURAL INSTINCTS and do not have the Spirit.**

The Carnal Man (*sarkikos*; sar-kee-kos')

THE CARNAL MAN: [*Sarkikos* <4559>] The man who has been born again by the Spirit [*pneuma* <4151>] of God, but is still living **like** a Natural Man, in the flesh [*sarx* <4561>]. This individual has not yet by the Spirit put to death the deeds of the flesh, usually through ignorance of the power of the Gospel, but sometimes through outright rebellion. This person is still a baby Christian, not yet matured into a full son or daughter. This person sometimes serves God and His purposes, but still sometimes serves Satan and his purposes. **In Old Testament typology, this individual is still wandering around the wilderness.** God is trying to get him on into the promised land.

- MAT 16:22** Peter took him (Jesus) aside and began to rebuke him. “Never, Lord!” he said. “This shall never happen to you!” 23 **Jesus turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have IN MIND the things of God, but the things of men.”**
- ROM 7:14** We know that **the law is SPIRITUAL (*pneumatikos*); but I am CARNAL (*sarkikos*), sold as a slave to sin.** 15 I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. 16 And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. 17 As it is, **it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me.** 18 I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. 19 For what I do is not the good I want to do; no, the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing. 20 Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it. 21 **So I find this law at work: When I want to do good, evil is right there with me.** 22 **For in my inner being I delight in God’s law;** 23 **but I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within my members.** 24 **What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death?** 25 Thanks be to God—through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, **I myself in my mind am a slave to God’s law, but in the sinful nature (*flesh = sarx*) a slave to the law of sin.**
- ROM 8:5** For **those who live according to the FLESH (*sarx*) set their minds on the things of the FLESH,** but **those who live according to the SPIRIT (*pneuma*), the things of the SPIRIT.** 6 **For to be CARNALLY (*sarx*) minded is death, but to be SPIRITUALLY (*pneuma*) minded is life and peace.** 7 Because **the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be.** 8 So then, **those who are in the flesh cannot please God.**
- 1CO 3:1** And **I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual people (*pneumatikos*) but as to CARNAL (*sarkikos*), as to BABES IN CHRIST.** 2 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; 3 for **you are still CARNAL (*sarkikos*).** For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, **are you not carnal (*sarkikos*) and behaving like mere (*natural psuchikos*) men?**
- 1CO 14:20** Brothers, **stop thinking like CHILDREN.** In regard to evil be infants, but in your thinking be adults.

16. **2CO 10:3** For though we walk in the FLESH (*sarx*), we do not war according to the flesh. 4 For the weapons of our warfare are **NOT CARNAL (*sarkikos*) but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds**, 5 **casting down arguments (*logismos*) and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ**, 6 and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.
17. **1CO 15:44** it is sown a **natural body (*psuchikos*)**, it is raised a **spiritual body (*pneumatikos*)**. If there is a **natural body (*psuchikos*)**, there is also a **spiritual body (*pneumatikos*)**. 45 So it is written: “**The first man Adam became a living soul (*psuche*)**”; the last Adam, a **life-giving spirit (*pneuma*)**. 46 **The spiritual (*pneumatikos*) did not come first, but the natural (*psuchikos*)**, and after that the **spiritual (*pneumatikos*)**. 47 The first man was of the dust of the earth, the second man from heaven. 48 As was the earthly man, so are those who are of the earth; and as is the man from heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. 49 And **just as we have borne the likeness of the earthly man, so shall we bear the likeness of the man from heaven**. 50 Now this I say, brethren, that **flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God**; nor does corruption inherit incorruption.
18. **COL 1:9** For this reason **we** also, since the day we heard it, **do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge (*epignosis*) of His will in all wisdom (*sophia*) and SPIRITUAL (*pneumatikos*) understanding**; 10 that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;
19. **HEB 5:11** We have much to say about this, but it is hard to explain because you are slow to learn. 12 In fact, **though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God’s word all over again. You need milk, not solid food!** 13 **Anyone who lives on milk, being still an INFANT, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness**. 14 But **solid food is for the MATURE**, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.
20. **HEB 6:1** Therefore **let us leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go on to MATURITY, not laying again the foundation of repentance from acts that lead to death, and of faith in God, 2 instruction about baptisms, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment**. 3 And God permitting, we will do so.
21. **IPE 2:2** **Like newborn BABIES, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may GROW UP IN YOUR SALVATION**, 3 now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.
22. **IPE 2:11** Beloved, I beg you as sojourners & pilgrims, **abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the SOUL (*psuche*)**.

The Spiritual Man (*pneumatikos*; pnyoo-mat-ik-os’)

The Spiritual Man: [*Pneumatikos* <4152>] This individual is a born again believer and has matured to the point that he or she, **by the Spirit [*pneuma* <4151>]**, has put away sins of the flesh [*sarx* <4561>] and is fully submitted to the leading and guidance of the Holy Spirit. These are no longer children, but fully matured sons and daughters. These Christians can be used mightily by God in fulfilling His purposes in the earth. **In Old Testament typology, this individual is in the Promised Land, victorious over his enemies, & advancing the purposes of God in the World.** Whatever God commands, He always provides the power to accomplish. Growth is always by **GRACE** (by the power of the Spirit).

23. **MAT 5:48** **Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.**
24. **JOH 14:26** But the Counselor, **the Holy Spirit**, whom the Father will send in my name, **will teach you ALL THINGS and will remind you of everything I have said to you.**
25. **LUK 6:40** A student is not above his teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like his teacher.
26. **GAL 4:19** **My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be (*fully*) formed in you,**
27. **EPH 4:11** And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; 12 **For the PERFECTING of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: 13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a PERFECT MAN, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: 14 That we henceforth be no more children**, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; 15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:
28. **ROM 1:11** For I long to see you, **that I may impart to you some SPIRITUAL (*pneumatikos*) gift (*charisma*)**, so **that you may be established**—
29. **ROM 8:13** For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; **but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live**, 14 because **those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God**. 15 For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.” 16 The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children.

30. **1CO 2:12** Now **we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God**. 13 These things we also speak, not in words which man’s wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. 14 But **the NATURAL MAN does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned**. 15 But **he who is SPIRITUAL (*pneumatikos*) judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one**. 16 For “who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?” But we have the mind of Christ.

31. **2CO 7:1** Since we have these promises, dear friends, **let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates BODY (FLESH--SARX) and SPIRIT, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God.**
32. **1CO 12:1** **Now concerning spiritual (*pneumatikos*) gifts (*charisma*), brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant:**
33. **1CO 14:1** Pursue love, and **desire spiritual (*pneumatikos*) gifts (*charisma*), but especially that you may prophesy.**
34. **EPH 1:3** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, **who has blessed us with every SPIRITUAL BLESSING in the heavenly places in Christ,**
35. **EPH 4:22** You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, **to put off your OLD SELF, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires;** 23 to be made new in the attitude of your minds; 24 and to **put on the NEW SELF, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness**. 25 Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are all members of one body. 26 “In your anger do not sin”: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, 27 and **do not give the devil a foothold.**
36. **GAL 6:1** Brethren, if a (*carnal*) man is overtaken in any trespass, **you who are SPIRITUAL (*pneumatikos*) restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness**, considering yourself lest you also be tempted.
37. **COL 1:9** For this reason **we** also, since the day we heard it, **do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and SPIRITUAL (*pneumatikos*) understanding**; 10 that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;
38. **1JO 2:20** But **you have an anointing from the Holy One, & you know ALL THINGS**. 27 But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and **you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning ALL THINGS, & is true, & is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.**

2CH 16:9a For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong in the behalf of them **WHOSE HEART IS PERFECT** toward him.