



“Carnality”

Friction in the Church
I Corinthians 3:1-9

Carnality is about:

I. Diet – “I have fed you” (vs. 1-3)

How you perceive YOU

Lacking:

A. Discernment – “not speak unto you as unto spiritual”

B. Doctrine - “fed you with milk and not with meat”

C. Development – “hitherto you were not able to bear it”

II. Division – “among you...divisions, are ye...carnal” (vs. 3-5)

How you perceive OTHERS

Living overly:

A. Passionate - “there is among you envying”

B. Provocative – “strife and divisions”

C. Partisan – “I am of Apollos; are ye not carnal”

III. Distraction – “but God that gives the increase” (vs. 6-9)

How you perceive JESUS

Loosing sight of the :

A. Onus – “shall receive his own reward...his own labor”

B. Others – “he that plants and he that waters are one”

C. Owner – “ye are God’s husbandry”

Sentence Sermon:

“Addiction to carnal pleasures are the cheap substitutes for true spiritual joys.”

Additional Verses

- **Romans 3:5; 7:14; 8:12**
- **I Corinthians 9:8; 13:11; 14:20**
- **Hebrews 5:13**
- **Romans 10:2**
- **Acts 18:1-18**
- **II Corinthians 6:1**
- **Romans 14:4, 10**
- **I Peter 2:2**
- **Psalms 119:103**
- **I Corinthians 2:6-7**
- **Ephesians 4:1-16**
- **Matthew 13:1-9; 18-23**
- **John 4:34-38**
- **John 15:1-8**
- **Romans 6:22; 15:26**
- **Colossians 1:10**
- **Hebrews 13:15**

Questions to Ponder:

1. What are the key words or phrases in this passage?
2. Who are the central characters of the passage?
3. How would you describe the difference between spiritual and carnal?
4. What are some characteristics of a baby Christian?
5. What is a teaching that is milk? What is teaching of meat? Explain
6. Why is it considered carnal to say “I am of Apollos?”
7. What is the job of a “minister” in verses 5-7?
8. How does God “give the increase?”
9. What is the difference between being God’s building or God’s field?
10. Besides immaturity, what are the negative results of being carnal?
11. What can you do to avoid being carnal?
12. How does carnality in the church effect it’s usefulness to God?