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Monday

[1Cor. 3:1](#) I could not speak to you as to spiritual, but as fleshly, as to infants in Christ... for you are still fleshly. Since there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not fleshly, and are you not walking like mere men?

Have you described someone with the epithet, “he never grew up” or “she needs to grow up”? The phrase clearly described the believers to whom the Apostle Paul was writing—and *many believers today*. We have come to expect and tolerate childish behavior and childish thinking. We overlook it instead of confronting and correcting it. Paul pointedly spoke to the ‘carnal’ or ‘fleshly’ believers and exhorted them to *GROW UP!* Perhaps you are realizing you too have remained childish in the faith too long. Let Jesus reign in your life. Grow up and discover real living.

Tuesday

[Eccl. 12:13](#) The conclusion, when all has been heard, is: fear God and keep His commandments, because this applies to every person.

To “fear God” is not a statement of terror, but of respect, honor and commitment. Solomon explored everything that could make life meaningful and found it all to be worthless, wrong, or withering. Lot’s of money? You will lose it or leave it when you die. Lot’s of stuff? It costs you too in time and money — and you will leave it when you die. Lot’s of knowledge? The more you know, the more you realize how little you can know. You find real life only in knowing and following your Creator. In other words, “fear God.” When you follow Jesus, who gave himself for you upon the cross, you discover that you are valued, gifted, and loved — especially loved. Life can be meaningful. It is meaningful in Jesus.

Wednesday

[1Cor. 2:14](#) A natural man does not understand the things of the Spirit; they are foolishness to him; he cannot understand; they are spiritually discerned.

Does life make sense to you? Do you find yourself regularly asking, “Why?” Then may I ask you, “Do you know Jesus?” Or, “Are you walking under the Lordship of Jesus allowing the Spirit to lead, instruct, and direct you?” The natural man or the person operating in the ‘flesh’ will not, cannot understand the things of God or the world that God created. As you learn God’s word and submit to Jesus as your Lord, the Spirit of God instructs you, enlightens you, and brings understanding to your life. As a believer, you choose on a daily basis and in every situation to follow God or to walk in the flesh. Choices make habits. Habits make lives.

Thursday

[Gal. 5:17](#) The flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please.

Life will be confusing and unprofitable as long as you live it with one foot in the Spirit and the other in the flesh. It is dishonoring to God, who loved you and died for you; it is totally fruitless and vain (Hebel). When you gave your life to Jesus, you meant to give it all — right? Yet, you have taken back little pieces or failed to surrender all to the Savior. Today, the Lord is showing you areas of your life that you have not surrendered. In those areas you are suffering loss. Stop thinking about what you might lose if you surrender, but what you are losing if you don’t.

Friday

[Is. 1:18](#) “Come now, and let us reason together,” Says the LORD...

Walking with your Creator is the most reasonable thing you could ever do, right? Who knows what makes you tick better than the one who built your ticker? The most unreasonable thing would be for that which is made to ignore the instructions of its maker. You can know your Creator and know that He loves you. You can follow His guidance and find your purpose and peace. You can have a relationship with God that is full, vital, fresh, meaningful and real. Really give your life to Jesus!

