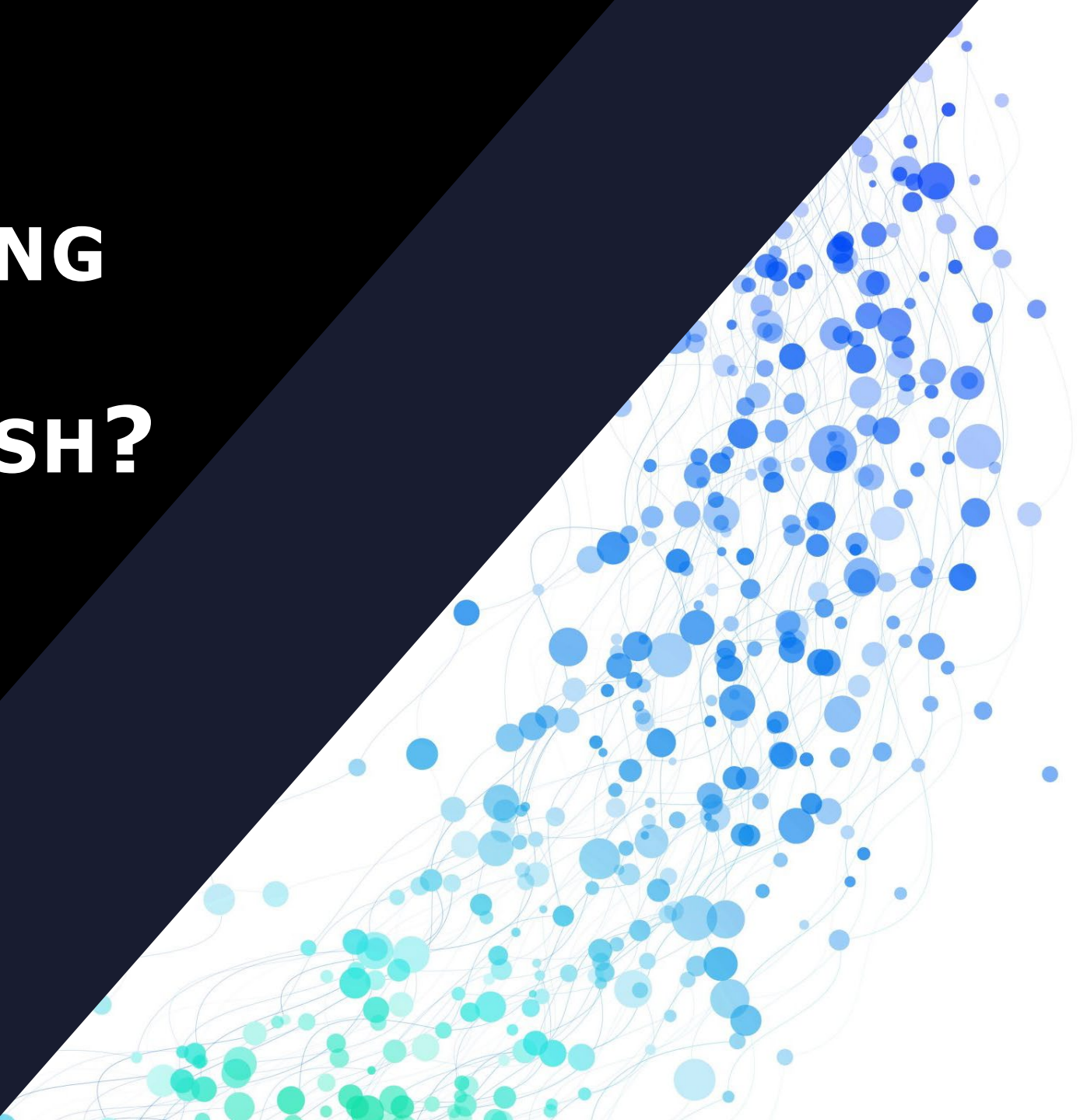


YOUR OPERATING SOFTWARE: SPIRIT OR FLESH?

1 Corinthians 3:1-4



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1 But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. 2 I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready, 3 for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way? 4 For when one says, "I follow Paul," and another, "I follow Apollos," are you not being merely human

The Fleshly Christian Lacks Maturity

^{1a} But I, brothers,
could not address
you as spiritual
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Three Categories Of People

Natural Person (*psychikos*) – untransformed by Spirit

Spiritual Person (*pneumatikos*) – operates in mind and power of the Holy Spirit

Fleshly Person (*sarkikos*) – operates in the mind and power of the flesh (*sarx*), ruled by body, sin nature

The Fleshly Christian Consumes Milk

^{1b} as infants in Christ. ²
I fed you with milk, not
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not ready for it. And
even now you are not
yet ready,

Hebrews 5:12-14

- ¹² For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic principles of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food, ¹³ for everyone who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, since he is a child. ¹⁴ But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil.
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The Fleshly Christian Is Motionless

3a for you are still of the flesh.

The Fleshly Christian Is Malicious

^{3b} For while there is
jealousy and strife
among you, are you not
of the flesh and
behaving only in a
human way?

Spiritual Manifestation	Fleshly Manifestation
Love: placing other's spiritual good ahead of his own desires	Indifference and hatred
Joy: theistic optimism toward life	Depression
Peace: divine tranquility	Strife and severe stress
Longsuffering: abiding under difficult circumstances	Retaliation, escapism
Gentleness: sweet kindness toward others	Hostility, rage
Goodness: generosity toward those in need	Selfish ambition, miserliness
Faith: confidence in God that leads to faithfulness	Personal autonomy
Meekness: strength under control	Fits of rage
Temperance: self control	Laziness, gluttony, drunkenness, immorality

The Fleshly Christian Is Marginalized

⁴ For when one says, "I follow Paul," and another, "I follow Apollos," are you not being merely human?

Galatians 5:19-21

- “¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, ²¹ envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.”

Immorality (19)

Idolatry (20)

Ill Will (20-21)

Ideology (21)

How To Have Victory Over The Flesh

Change	Change Your Operating System (Gal 5:16, 25)
Feed	Feed The Spirit Instead Of The Flesh (Gal 5:17)
Focus	Focus On A Relationship With The Spirit, Not Rules To Achieve Righteousness (Gal 5:17-18)
Be Honest	Be Honest About Your Struggle With The Flesh (Rom 7:17-19)
Consider	Consider Your Flesh Crucified With Christ (Gal 2:20; 5:24)
Learn	Learn To Hate Sin (Gal 5:19-21)
