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## **Spiritual Life Dynamics (05)** **(The Sarkikos Man)**

Last week, we learned that Paul used two different Greek suffixes to identify two different sides to the sarx (Flesh) [our Old Sin Nature] (OSN).

- In (1 Cor.3:1), Paul used the suffix (inos) with sarx (sarkinos). This suffix emphasizes the material, source, origin of the OSN (**How we got it**).
- In (1 Cor.3:3), Paul used the Greek suffix (ikos) with sarx (sarkikos). This suffix emphasizes the characteristics produced by the OSN (**How it operates**).
- In (1 Cor.3:3), Paul used two explanatory conjunctions (gar) [for] to identify two self-evident divine truths regarding the sarkikos OSN.

1<sup>st</sup>     **“For you are still** (eti/temporal conjunction) fleshly (sarkikos).”

2<sup>nd</sup>     **“For since** (hopou / adverb) there is jealousy and strife among you.”

Then Paul used a self-probing two part rhetorical question (expecting a YES response)

“Are (eimi / p.a.ind. 2pl) you **not (ouchi)** fleshly (sarkikos) **and** are you not walking (peripateo / p.a.ind. 2pl) like (kata+norm and standards) mere men (anthropos).”

**Kata+ norm standards** of the world – “And do not be conformed to the world.” (Rom.12:2a)

<b>This lesson will study three aspects of <u>how the OSN operates in the Sarkikos Man.</u></b>
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### **1. Paul has taught us that there are two divine principles and people that reflect living apart from God, the Holy Spirit in the church age.**

- **Psuchikos Man** lives apart as unbeliever because he does not have the indwelling of the Holy Spirit  
(1 Cor.2:14; Jude 19; Rom.8:8-9). He receives the Indwelling Holy Spirit at the moment he believes the gospel of Jesus Christ (1 Cor.15:3-4; Rom.1:16; Gal.3:2-3).
- **Sarkikos Man** lives apart as a believer because he chose to live in lust gratification of the OSN  
(Gal.5:16-17; Rom.7:23, 25a). He must confess his personal sin to be restored to fellowship with Indwelling Holy Spirit (1 John 1:7-9).

### **2. (James 1:14-15) explains the mechanics of how the OSN operates producing personal sin in the CWL.**

- “Tempted.”
- “Carried away and enticed by his own lust.”
- “Lust conceived.”
- “Gives birth to sin.” (Heb.11:25; 2 Tim.3:4)
- “When sin is accomplished, it brings forth death (temporal) (1 Tm.5:6) (carnal state).”

How do we know when something is sin? (Rom.3:20; 7:7; 1 Cor.3:3; Gal.5:19-20).

Note what the three “let us” teach about our subject in (Rom.13:12-14).

**Identify a positive and a negative in each verse.**

**(Rom.13:12)**

“let us do \_\_\_\_\_

“and not do what?” \_\_\_\_\_

**(Rom.13:13)**

“let us do \_\_\_\_\_

“and not do what?” \_\_\_\_\_

**(Rom.13:14)**

“let us do \_\_\_\_\_

“and not do what?” \_\_\_\_\_

3. **The Church Age Believer (CAB) is never neutral regarding spirituality or carnality. He is either waking by the indwelling Holy Spirit (OR) the Old Sin Nature (OSN) (Gal.5:16-17).**

**The key is human volition.** We chose to gratify the lust of the indwelling Holy Spirit or the lust of the OSN (Gal.5:17).

The word “Walk” in (Gal.5:16) is a **command** (peripateo / p.a.impv.).

**The indwelling Holy Spirit is the absolute supernatural power over the operation of the OSN.**

**BUT:**

- It requires obedience to the command to walk by Holy Spirit.
- It requires “**not my will**” but **God’s will be done**” (Eph.6:6).
- It requires obedience to the **directive will of God**; rather than being carried away and enticed lust gratification.

(Rom.13:14b) “And make no provision for the flesh (OSN) in regard to its lust.”

**Next Week:** When human volition links up with Old Man Cosmos Diabolicus (OMCD) (Worldly) thinking to a gratify a lust trend of the Old Sin Nature (OSN), it produces a carnal life style. In the world this is called addictive behavior.