

The Inscrutable Question: Spirituality & Carnality are Absolutes; Spiritual Growth & Reversionism are Relative

- 10) In order to become a winner and an invisible hero in the Invisible War, the believer must develop the habit of redeeming and investing time. Under the filling of the Holy Spirit he does this in status quo spirituality.
- 11) Since spirituality is the environment for the redemption and investment of time and for the double column advance, we need to note a few principles on spirituality:
 1. The perfection of God makes it impossible for contradictions to exist in the plan of God.
 2. The grace of God has provided two assets that eliminate all contradictions in the Church age (a) the filling of the Holy Spirit and (b) the mystery doctrines of the Church Age.
 3. Apparent contradictions are the result of negative volition in three categories: (1) personal sin, (2) human good, and (3) evil.
 4. Sin, human good, and evil are all produced outside the filling of the Holy Spirit.
 5. Under the principle of the filling of the Holy Spirit, the believer's life is under the control of the Holy Spirit.
 6. This is a status quo called spirituality and is maintained by the filling of the Holy Spirit.
 7. The decision to sin causes the believer to switch from status quo spirituality to status quo carnality where sin, human good, evil, and their deeds of darkness are performed.
 8. Therefore, we conclude that spirituality and carnality are absolutes, not conditions of degree.
 9. However, there is a relative concept in the Christian way of life that can take two forms. The first is spiritual growth in which you advance under the mandate to grow in grace.
 10. In this concept the positive believer advances spiritually from a baby, to an adolescent, to an adult to maturity.
 11. On the other hand, the negative believer digresses spiritually from whatever level of advance he had attained if any.
 12. This regression is referred to as reversionism which has eight levels of decline:
 - (1) Reaction to people or circumstances;
 - (2) A frantic search for happiness which involves human-viewpoint solutions in an effort to compensate for frustration.
 - (3) Operation boomerang, which is an intensified frustration when human-viewpoint solutions fail to compensate.
 - (4) Emotional revolt of the soul, in which the sinful nature's control of the soul relies almost exclusively on emotional sins.
 - (5) Negative volition toward doctrine is the next stage and is expressed through a full-blown revolt against the Word of God and therefore rejects all biblical solutions.
 - (6) Blackout of the soul is caused by a vacuum created by maximum negative volition. It draws in concepts from satanic propaganda, doctrines of demons, and the most cosmic of human viewpoint rationales.

- (7) Scar tissue of the soul is a hardness of heart that locks out any recall of doctrine from any area of the stream of consciousness thus paralyzing the spiritual life.
 - (8) Reverse process reversionism is the final stage that places the believer under total influence of evil and the substitution of Satan's plan over God's plan by the inversion of evil into good and good into evil.
13. The inoculation against such decline is the consistent use of rebound and the habitual use of the three spiritual skills: (1) the filling of the Holy Spirit, (2) the Grace Apparatus for Perception, and (3) development and deployment of the ten problem-solving devices, number seven being personal love *for* God motivated by the love *of* God.
14. The key to the advance is the filling of the Holy Spirit which is a part of the Holy Spirit's salvation ministries.