

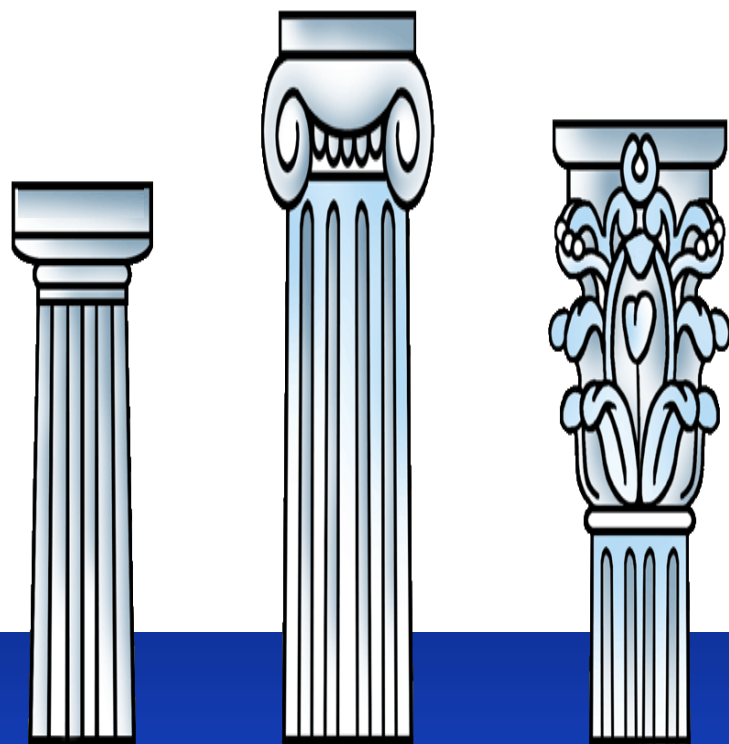
NATURAL SPIRITUAL CARNAL

**WHAT'S YOUR TYPE?
1 CORINTHIANS 2:6-3:4**

Wisdom of God.

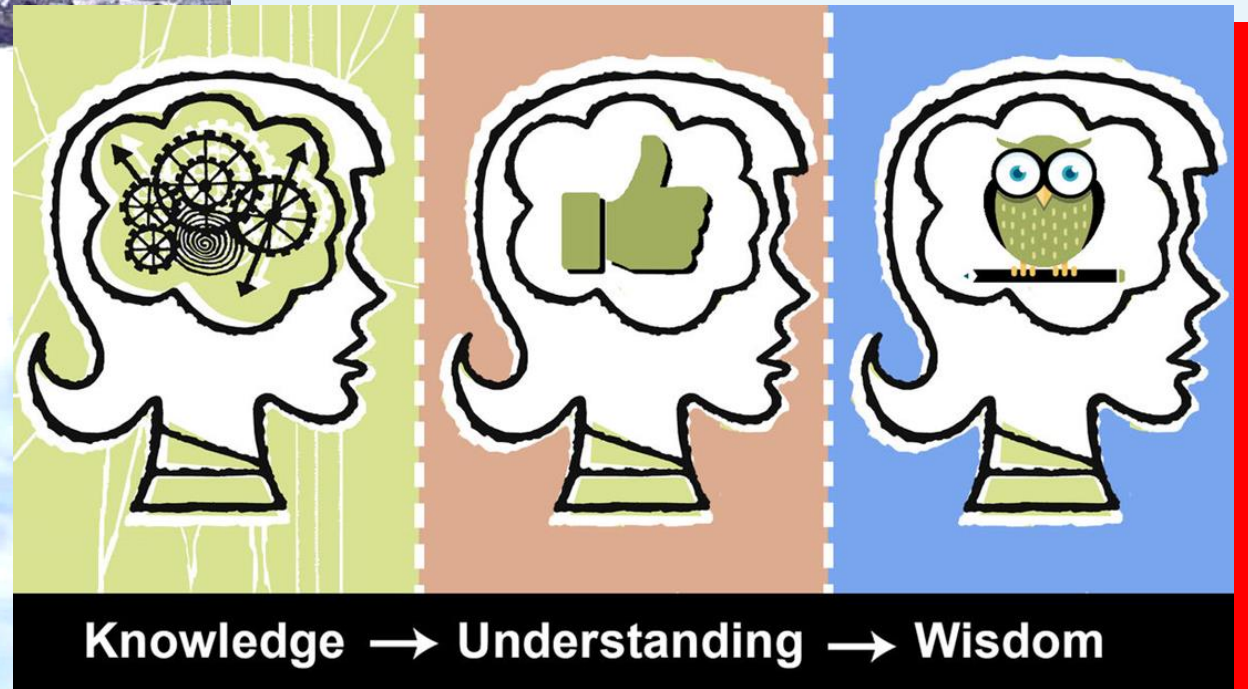
Spiritual Types.

Practical Pointers.



**Gifted
Divided
Disgraced**





**Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom,
although it is not a wisdom of this age
or of the rulers of this age,
who are doomed to pass away.**

**⁷ But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom
of God, which God decreed
before the ages for our glory.**

**⁸ None of the rulers of this age
understood this, for if they had,
they would not have crucified
the Lord of glory. 2: 6-8**



THE WISDOM OF GOD : CENTERED ON THE CROSS



Tola'ath
a scarlet worm



Psalm 22

1 My God, my God,
why have you forsaken me?

6 **But I am a worm**

and not a man, scorned by mankind
and despised by the people.

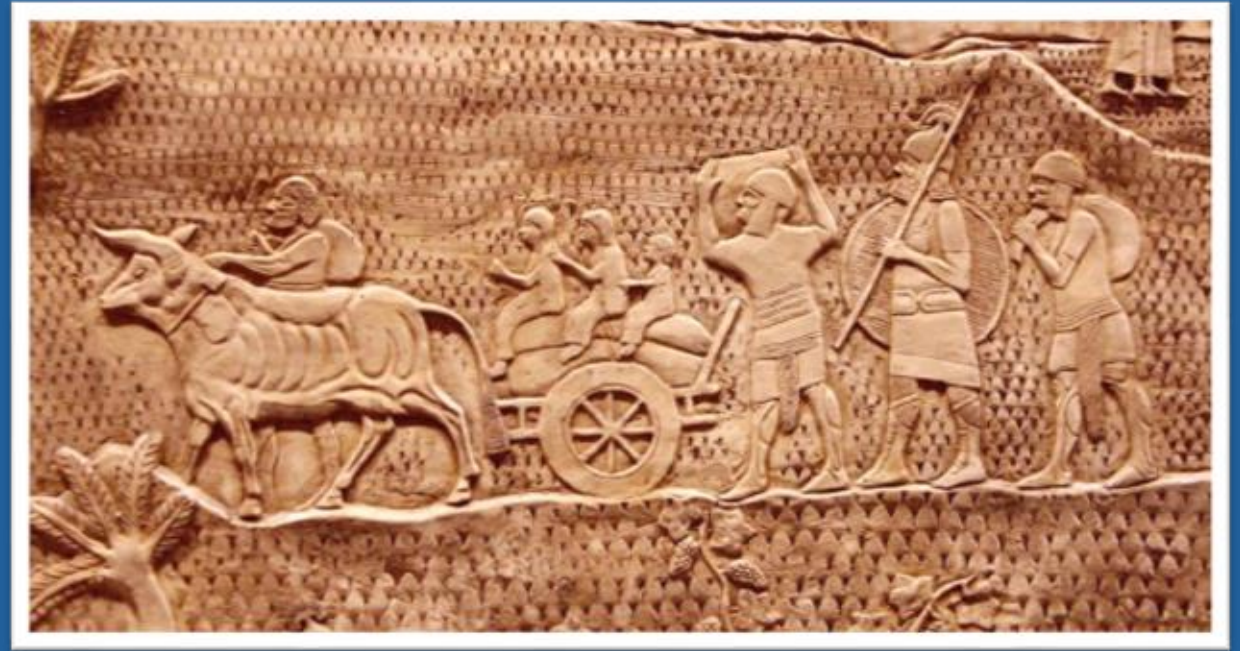
Isaiah 1:18

Come now, let us reason together,
says the Lord: though your sins are
like scarlet, they shall be as white as
snow; though they are red like
crimson, they shall become like wool.

But, as it is written,
**“What no eye has seen,
nor ear heard,
nor the heart of man
imagined, what God
has prepared for those
who love him”—**



1 Corinthians 2:9;
Isaiah 64:4



God heard the cries of His people.
After 70 years of exile in Babylon,
He saved them and brought
them home.

A PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS

Ask someone what
they are thinking

WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?





**For the Spirit searches everything,
even the depths of God.**

11 For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.

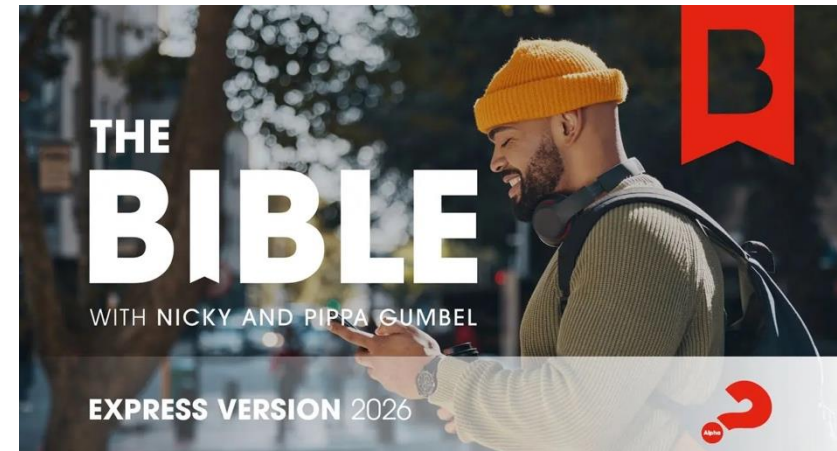
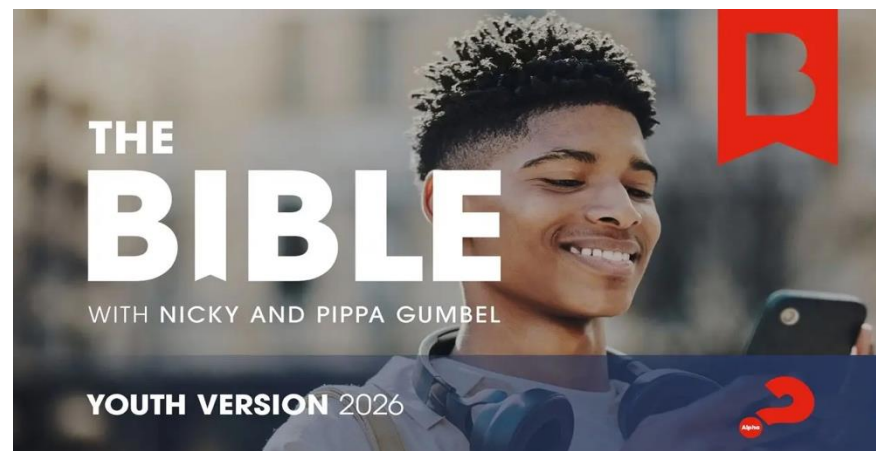
12 Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. 2: 10-13



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**It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all.
The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. John 6:63**

The Holy Spirit carries God's Word into our hearts

NATURAL PERSON

... does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. 2:14



SPIRITUAL PERSON

Believes in Jesus Christ;
he has the Holy Spirit

Understands
spiritual truths:
*Yet among the mature
we do impart wisdom,
although it is not a
wisdom of this age...
we impart a secret and
hidden wisdom of God...*
2:6

1 Corinthians 2 : 14-16

CARNAL CHRISTIAN

Has the Holy Spirit
but lives his life
controlled by
his human and
sinful nature

Feeds on “milk”

Infant
in Christ

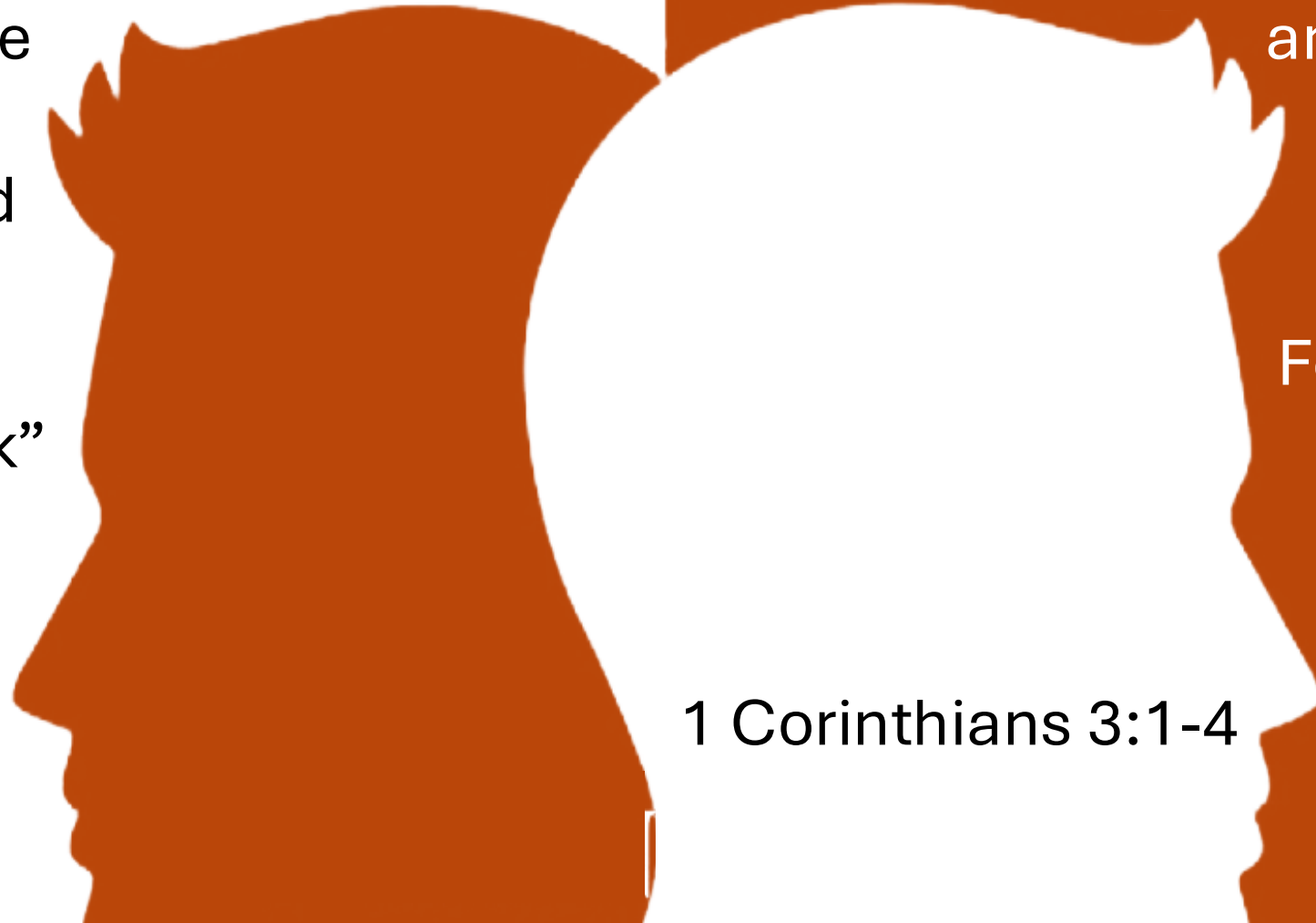
SPIRITUAL CHRISTIAN

Has the Holy Spirit
and lives his life
yielded to the
Spirit

Feeds on “solid
food”

Mature in
Christ

1 Corinthians 3:1-4





Infants in Christ

They are not new Christians per se.

**Their immaturity is that of adults
who are childish**
(hero-worship, jealousy, quarrelling).

Fed only with “milk” (foundational truths)

*Therefore let us leave the elementary doctrine of
Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again a
foundation of repentance from dead works and of
faith towards God, and of instruction about washings,
the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead,
and eternal judgement.*

Hebrews 6: 1-3

The Marks of Spiritual Maturity

Galatians 5



INFANTILE


V 19-21:

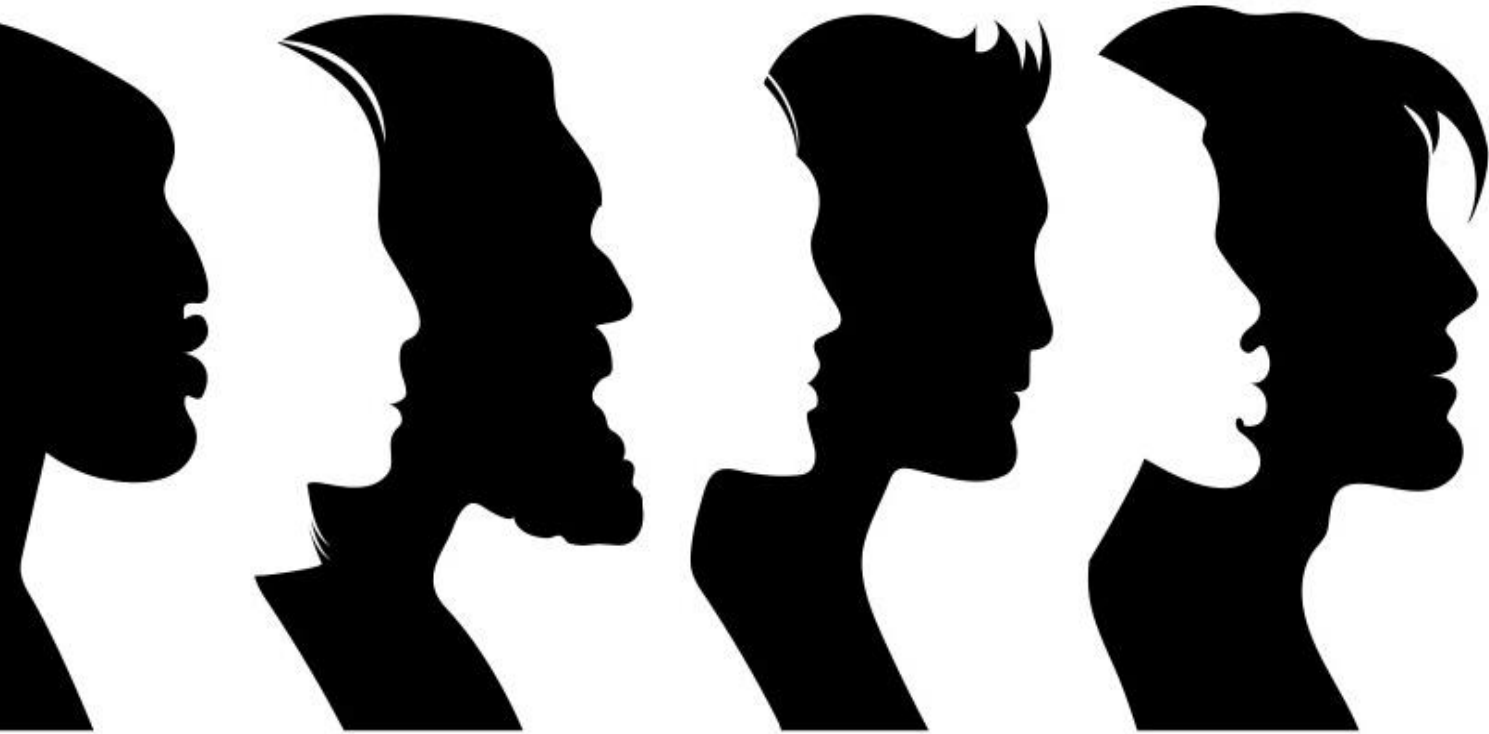
sexual immorality, impurity,
sensuality, ... enmity, strife,
jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries,
dissensions, divisions, envy, ...

MATURE

V 22-23:

The fruit of the Spirit :
love, joy, peace, patience,
kindness, goodness, faithfulness,
gentleness, self-control.





**NATURAL
SPIRITUAL
CARNAL**

WHICH TYPE WOULD YOU WANT TO BE ?

**In essentials,
unity;
In non-essentials,
liberty;
and in all things,
charity.**
- Rupertus Meldenius



**Unite around Christ;
avoid spiritual elitism.**

**Prioritize personal
study of scripture and
prayer.**

**Serve
merely as servants.**

