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Spiritual Life Dynamics (06) **(Carnality)**

Last week we studied how the Old Sin Nature (OSN) operates in the carnal (sarkikos) believer. To those of you studying with us through the internet, I recommend studying [last week's lesson](#) first.

Today's lesson will study how a Christian can become engaged in addictive sinful behavior called **Carnality**. We will also study how to break the bondage and live spiritually free from it.

This lesson will study three aspects of Carnality in the Christian Way of Life (CWL)

- 1. When human volition links to Old Man Cosmos Diabolicus (OMCD) thinking (worldly thinking promoted by Devil) to the lust traits of the Old Sin Nature (OSN) (carnal), it develops lust trends of carnality or carnal life styles (Matt.15:8-20).**

Engaging in OSN **lust traits** is like going to a cafeteria. You go through the line and make choices of what you like or try new things that you might like (Gal.5:16-17; James 1:14-15). This is like sampling certain sins to find the ones you like.

- 2. When we move to buffets of certain sins, much like we do with certain foods we really like such as Chinese, Mexican, steak, and fish, those sins become a lust trend.**

The things we really like become **lust trends** (preference of specific type of sins) (Rom.8:5-8).

- 3. When we move to the smorgasbord of these specific type of sins, we enter into an addictive behavior that can identify us in life. (Rom.13:13-14; Gal.5:19-21; Eph.4:22; Col.3:7).**

FIVE COMMON LUST TRENDS

- **Power Lust trends** – love of importance of status, position and authority – King David and Bathsheba (not sex / crime) (2 Sam.11) [Diotrephes] (3 John 9; Matt.20:20-23) [Salome].
- **Materialism Lust trends** – love of money or details of life - Lot's wife (Luke 17:32-33).
- **Ego Lust trends** – love of self –pride, idolatry, and porno (Prov.16:18; 1 John 2:16; Col.3:5; 2 Tim.3:1-4).
- **Religious Lust trends** – “form of godliness but denying its power” (2 Tim.3:5-9; Matt.23:13-36; 1 Tim.4:1-5; Col.2:16-19, 23) Legalism (Gal.4:9-11; Rom.1:18-28).
- **Body Lust trends** - love of pleasure, i.e. food, alcohol, sex, drugs, smoking, and exercise (1 Tim.4:7; Matt.11:18-19; Prov.23:21).

It is important for the Church Age Believer (CAB) to not shift OSN lusts traits within the trend and think that he has conquered it. One example, stop smoking but gain weight and then go back to smoking. (trade-offs within body lust trend).

Remember the only power over the OSN is walking by means of the indwelling Holy Spirit (Gal.5:16-17; 1 John 1:9).