

A Matter of the Heart – the Flesh, or the Spirit

<u>Sons of Men – Led by the Old Heart of the Flesh</u> “Adam Man”	<u>Sons of God – Led by the New Heart of the Spirit</u> “Jesus Man”
“Truly the hearts of the <i>sons of men</i> are full of evil; madness is in their hearts while they live.” Ecclesiastes 9:3 NKJV	“For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are <i>sons of God.</i> ” Romans 8:14 NASB
“The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked.” Jeremiah 17:9 NKJV	“I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you - for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.” Ezekiel 36:26; Philippians 2:13 NKJV
“The flesh is against the Spirit and those who live by the flesh cannot please God.” Galatians 5:17; Romans 8:8	By the Word and Spirit we are to put to death the thoughts and ways of the flesh and be undefiled temples of the Holy Spirit. Romans 12:2; Ephesians 5:26; 1 Corinthians 6:19; Romans 8:13; 1 John 5:8
<p>Realizing this critical distinction, it is imperative to truly, fully understand, maintain and accordingly walk out constant awareness of the operative biblical spiritual fact that there can be a huge difference between being truly born again and having the Holy Spirit and being filled with and led by the Holy Spirit. When we truly get born again we receive the Holy Spirit in seed form. If we continue to follow the flesh we will “quench” and “grieve” the Holy Spirit (1 Thessalonians 5:19; Ephesians 4:30) and remain spiritual immature, in bondages, unfulfilled, devoid of revelation, and with very little, if any, Kingdom authority and power. However, to the extent we submit and are obedient to and led by the Holy Spirit we will be free, flourish and grow into being Kingdom “oaks of righteousness” (Isaiah 61:3), mighty men and women spiritual warriors, overcomers and sons of God.</p>	

It’s a choice: Who will you be led by and live like – fallen Adam or perfected Jesus? To the extent you live like Adam, the devil will have his way with you; and to the extent you live like Jesus, God will have His way with you. Which way is up to you – choose daily, take up the serpent or the cross.