

## **The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. Romans 8:6 NIV**

I think most Christians who are serious about their faith and follow God would say that we need to live according to the Spirit and not the Flesh. But, how do you know if you are following the Spirit or if you are only being influenced by your world (Flesh)? Is it possible that you believe you are doing the right thing to later learn that you are not following the Spirit?

Paul said that those who live according to the flesh, do not submit to God's law. In fact, they are hostile to God. I know that we live in a world that is not always black and white. Some topics and issues are complicated and nuanced in how they are to be understood and lived out. But I would also contend that the Bible is very clear on different types of sin, yet people refuse to submit to what God says about that sin and live in rebellion. It is this rebellious nature that leads to death.

Here is the key question. Are you willing to submit to God and live according to the Spirit, even when you do not agree with God's law? Maybe there is a law that you do not like because it is not "fair." You either live a life where you believe you know what is best for you and others, or you live a life where you submit to God's wisdom even when you do not understand. The cool part is when you are willing to submit to God, it allows you to have a special relationship with Him. Paul says that you will call Him Father and He will call you, His child. It all begins with a decision. Will you dedicate your life to rebel against God or submit to God? It is your choice.

Read Romans 8:1-17