

TRAITS OF THE SELF LIFE

The Following are some of the features and manifestations of the self-life The Holy Spirit alone can interpret and apply this to your individual case. As you read, examine yourself in the very presence of God Are you ever conscious of:

SECRET SPIRIT OF PRIDE – a exalted feeling, in view of your success or position; because of your good training or appearance; because of your natural gifts and abilities. An important, independent spirit?

LOVE OF HUMAN PRAISE – a secret fondness to be noticed; love of supremacy, drawing attention to self in conversation; a swelling out of self when you have had a free time in speaking or praying?

The stirrings of anger or impatience, which, worst of all, you call nervousness or holy indignation; a touch, sensitive spirit, a disposition to resent and retaliate when disapproved of or contradicted; a desire to throw sharp, heated flings at another?

SELF-WILL – a stubborn, unteachable spirit, an arguing, talkative spirit, harsh, sarcastic expressions, an unyielding, headstrong dispositions, a driving commanding spirit, a disposition to criticize and pick flaws when set aside and unnoticed, a peevish, fretful spirit, a disposition that loves to be coaxed and humored?.

CARNAL FEAR- a person-fearing spirit, a shrinking from reproach and duty, reasoning around YOUR cross, a shrinking from doing your whole duty by those of wealth or position, a fearfulness that some will offend and drive some prominent person away, a compromising spirit?

JEALOUS DISPOSITION – a secret spirit of envy shut up in your hear, an unpleasant sensation in view of the great prosperity and success of another, an attitude to speak of the faults and failings, rather than the gifts and virtues of those more talented and appreciated than yourself?

DISHONEST – deceitful disposition, the evading and covering of the truth, the covering up of your real faults, leaving a better impression of yourself than is strictly true, false humility, exaggeration, straining the truth?

UNBELIEF – a spirit of discouragement in times of pressure and opposition, lack of quietness and confidence in God, lack of faith and trust in God, an attitude to worry and complain in the middle of pain, poverty or at the dispensations of Divine Providence, an overanxious feeling whether everything will come out all right?

FORMALITY AND DEADNESS – lack of concern for lost souls, dryness and indifference, lack of power with God?

SELFISHNESS – love of ease, love of money?

These are some of the traits which generally indicate a carnal heart. By prayer, hold your heart open to the searchlight of God, until you see the groundwork in your life. “Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my thoughts, and see if there be any wicked way in me (Psalm 139: 23,24)

If truly wanting to be controlled by the Spirit He will enable you by confession and faith to bring your “self-life” to death. Do not patch over, but go to the bottom. It alone will pay.

‘CREAT IN ME A C LEAN HEART, O GOD; AND RENEW A RIGIHT SPIRIT WITHIN ME’

Psalm 51:10