

From The Garden Our

**Principle Of Conduct was** 

not based on what is Right and Wrong, but - *LIFE*!

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"The LORD God planted a garden toward

the east, in Eden; and there He placed the

man whom He had formed. <sup>9</sup> Out of the

ground the LORD God caused every tree to

grow that is pleasing to the sight and good for food;

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"the tree of life was also in the Genesis 2:9b *midst* of the garden, and the **New American Standard Bible** tree of the knowledge of good and evil."



The tree of life was

supposed to be our

origination of our Life.

Knowledge of Good and Evil

were not and are of the

#### SAME tree.

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IT IS NOT THAT WE STOP

DOING GOOD, IT IS WE STOP

DOING GOOD AS A

**REPLACEMENT FOR LIFE.** 

All major religions do good

works.

Hinduism for instance.

"If you sow good you will

reap good."

Islam: Islam urges Muslim to try to do good every day of his life. Furthermore, that he should serve his society voluntarily and enthusiastically by helping the weak, educating the ignorant, guiding the lost, aiding the disabled, and helping the needy who appeal for help. In this respect, Allah says: "And do good, that you may prosper."

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# **Buddhism:** "The Three Pure Precepts seem laughably simple. A common translation is:

- To do no evil;
- To do good;
- To save all beings."

"When one tries to increase his knowledge by doing mental gymnastics over books without waiting upon God and looking to the guidance of the Holy Spirit, his soul is plainly in full swing. This will deplete his spiritual life. Because the fall of man was occasioned by seeking knowledge, God uses the foolishness of the cross to 'destroy the wisdom of the wise.'"

Watchman Nee.

"The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it is coming from and where it is going; so is everyone who has been born of the Spirit."

John 3:8 This drives our Western Minds Crazy!

"Brothers and sisters, even if a person is caught in any wrongdoing, **you who**are spiritual are to restore such a person in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, so that you are not
ca tempted as well."

Galatians 6:1 Apparently, we can be spiritual nor not.

#### <sup>10</sup> "For to us God

revealed them through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God. <sup>11</sup> For who among people knows the *thoughts* of a person except the spirit of the person that is in him? So also the *thoughts* of God no one knows, except the Spirit of God.

1 Corinthians 2:10-16

<sup>12</sup> Now we have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may know the things freely given to us by God. <sup>13</sup> We also speak these things, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual thoughts with spiritual words.

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<sup>14</sup> "But a natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned. <sup>15</sup> But the one who is spiritual discerns all things, yet he himself is discerned by no one. <sup>16</sup> For wно HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, THAT HE WILL INSTRUCT HIM? But we have the mind of Christ."

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**Being spiritual is our** essence not our knowledge. We are a spirit, we have a soul, we live in a body.

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1 Corinthians 2:10-16

<sup>4</sup>"I thank my God always concerning you for the grace of God which was given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup> that in everything you were enriched in Him, in all speech and all knowledge, <sup>6</sup> just as the testimony concerning Christ was confirmed in you,

1 Corinthians 1:4-9 New American

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<sup>7</sup> so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you eagerly await the 1 Corinthians 1:4-9 revelation of our Lord Jesus **New American** Christ, <sup>8</sup> who will also confirm you to the end, blameless on the day **Standard Bible** of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> God is faithful, through whom you were called into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord."

# "that in everything you were enriched in Him, in all speech and all knowledge"

Super Church operating in the Gifts!

Issue 1 (1 Cor. 1:10–4:21) Problem. Some **Corinthian Christians were dividing over church** Super teachers. Church Issue 2 (1 Cor. 5:1–13) Problem. Some **Corinthian Christians were tolerating incest.** operating Issue 3 (1 Cor. 6:1–11) Problem. Some in the **Corinthian Christians were bringing lawsuits** against one another. **Gifts**?

Issue 4 (1 Cor. 6:12–20) Problem. Some Corinthian Christians were excusing sexual immorality because it occurs outside the body Issue 5 (1 Cor. 7:1–40) Problem. Some Corinthian Christians were misguided about marriage and singleness.

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Issue 6 (1 Cor. 8:1–11:1). Problem. Some **Corinthian Christians were eating food offered to** Super idols in a way that did not build up their Church neighbors or in a way that participated with demons operating Issue 7 (1 Cor. 11:2–16) Problem. The Corinthian in the Christians could wear (or not wear) head coverings in a way that defiantly flouted God's Gifts? beautiful design for husbands and wives.

Issue 8 (1 Cor. 11:17–34) Problem. Some more affluent Corinthian Christians were abusing the Super Lord's Supper by marginalizing poor Christians. Issue 9 (1 Cor. 12:1–14:40) Problem. Some Church **Corinthian Christians were prioritizing less valuable** operating spiritual gifts and failing to use their gifts to edify the body of Christ in love. in the

**Gifts**?

And not to be outdone!

Issue 10 (1 Cor. 15:1–58) Problem. Some Corinthian Christians were denying that God will bodily resurrect believers. Super Church operating in the Gifts?

Having a spiritual gift does not mean you arrived any more than it did at the Corinthian church. Why Paul had to stick the Love chapter in the middle of it.

Super Church operating in the Gifts?

We fail because we are still doing the same thing our father Adam did. We keep doing what (we think) is right and not what is LIFE!

Genesis 2:8-9



<sup>16</sup> But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not **Ga** carry out the desire of the flesh.

# Galatians

5:16

For the desire of the flesh is against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, in order to keep you from doing whatever you want. <sup>18</sup> But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law.

Galatians

5:17-18

#### Or said another way:



"Attempting to follow Him without denying the self is the root of all failures."

#### Watchman Nee

1903-1972 Nee Spent last 20 years of his life in a communist prison.

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<sup>23</sup> And He was saying to them all, "If anyone wants to come after Me, he must deny himself, take up his cross daily, and follow Me."

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# The Wisdom of God

Luke 9:23

"For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God."

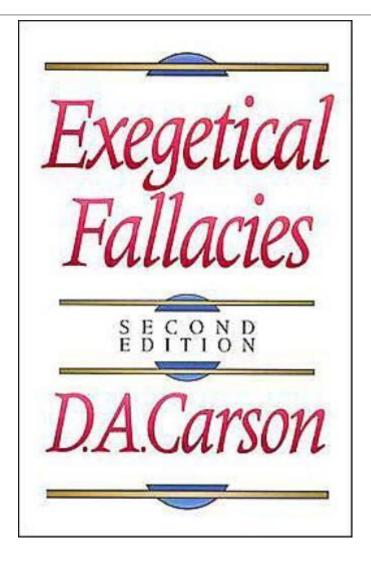
The Wisdom of God 1 Corinthians 1:18

# "For the kingdom of God is not in words, but in power."

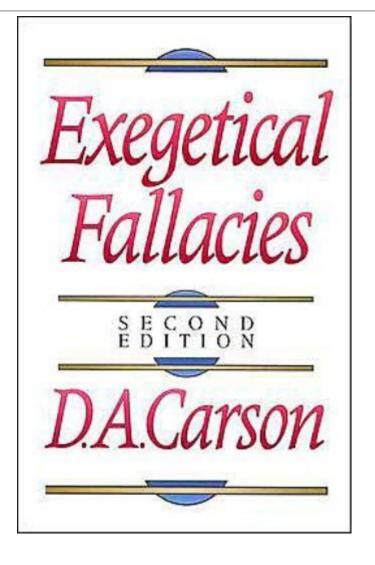
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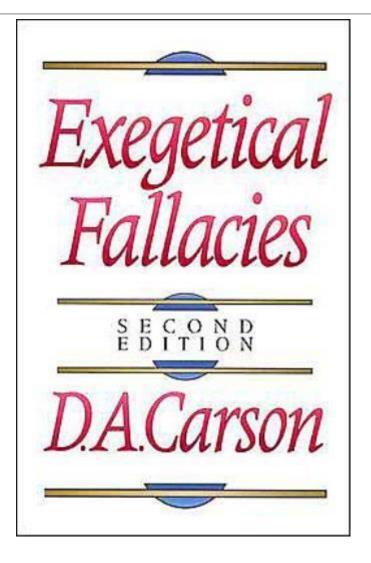
"We hear the Word of God commanding us to take up our cross and follow the Lord Jesus Christ, and so read our experience into the text that our 'cross' becomes rheumatism, shortage of money, an irascible relative, an awkward roommate, a personal defeat, or even (God forgive us!) a joke.



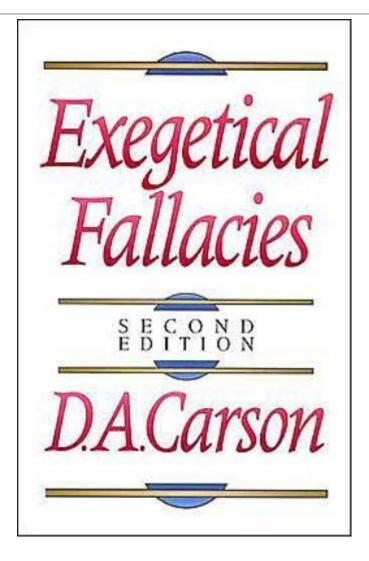
"But we are far too light on ourselves; to the first-century reader, the person who literally took up his cross not only was condemned to die, but also was condemned to die the painful, ignominious humiliating death **Rome reserved for noncitizen** criminals, the scum of the earth.



"If Jesus is telling us to take up our cross and follow him, the 'death to self' he envisages is not death, or nor some quick steps of faith that kills off some ontological (study of the state of being) part called 'the old man,' but a painful humiliating death made endurable ONLY because Jesus physically pass this way FIRST."



**"Unless we recognize the** 'distance' that separates us from the text being studied, we will overlook differences of outlook, vocabulary, interest; and quite unwittingly we will read our mental baggage into the text without pausing to ask if that is appropriate."





#### And The Tree Of Knowledge Led to this Tree.