INSIDE-OUT LIVING

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I. 2 Cor 4:16-18 - Outward man vs. Inward man
   A. James 2:26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

II. Eph 2:1-3 - Initial stage - Natural man
   A. Course - aion - The cycle or present round of things. Society and current culture dictate.
   B. Prince of the power of the air - Source behind the world’s course
      1. Eph 6:12 - Don’t wrestle against flesh and blood
   C. Works - energeo - Active and operative
      1. Rom 6:16 - Slave to whom we obey
   D. Conducted - anastrepho - To overturn, to twist around, turn here and there
      1. Conduct - vb - to direct the performance of, lead from a position of command.
   E. Fulfilling - poieo - To produce results or cause them to exist.
      1. Rom 8:3-4 - Fulfill
   F. Nature - phusis - Growth, natural production or development
      1. The desires we fulfill will be the nature that we produce!
      2. 2 Peter 1:4 - Partakers of the Divine nature
   G. We have to train our outer man to the superior reality of the inner man!
      1. Rom 12:2 - Transformed by renewing your mind

III. 1 Cor 3:1-3 - 2nd Stage - Carnal man -
   A. Spiritual - pneumatikos - Pattern of life controlled or directed by God’s spirit; Divine nature.
   B. Carnal - 1 Cor 3:1 AMP - but as to nonspiritual [men of the flesh, in whom the carnal nature predominates], as to mere infants [in the new life] in Christ [unable to talk yet!]
   C. Babes in Christ - nepios - Not speaking, an infant; immature Christian
   D. Milk vs. Solid food - The quality of the Word you take in will determine your level of growth. Your input will determine your output.
      1. 1 Peter 2:2 2 as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby
a) **Desire** - to long for something, with the implication of recognizing a lack (You get hungry enough) - to deeply desire, intensely crave possession.

b) **Pure** - unadulterated; free from foreign or inferior substance or element

c) **Grow** - *auzano* - to spring up and develop to maturity, to increase, to grow, to spread

E. **Not able to receive it** - Natural (Outer) Man

1. **1 Cor 2:13-14**

   a) **Natural Man** - *psuchikos* - Pertaining to behavior that is typical of human nature in contrast with that which is under the control of God’s Spirit.

   b) **Receive** - *dechomai* - To readily receive information and regard it as true

2. **Gal 1:15-16** - I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood (Outer Man)

   a) **Confer** - *prosanatithemi* - To ask someone for advice

IV. **John 1:10-13** 12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to **become children** of God, to those who believe in His name.

A. **Become** - to happen, with the implication that what happens is different from a previous state

1. **Children (Sons)** - *tekon* - a child

B. **Heb 5:12-14** - Babes when you ought to be teachers

C. **Our inheritance is complete when we are in Christ but our appropriation of that inheritance is a process!**

1. **Eph 1:18** - inheritance “in” the saints - Inner Man