

Carnal Christians and Satan's Children can FAKE the Christian Life Style

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Introduction: Fools Gold and Imitation Gold

I. *Some Scriptural Examples of Faking The Christian Life*

A. Faking The Family of God

1. "False Brethren" – 2 Cor:11:26; Gal. 2:4
2. "False Ministers" – 2 Cor. 11:13-15
3. "Believe in Vain" – 1 Cor. 15:2
4. "Antichrist"-

B. Faking Spiritual Gifts:

1. "False Apostles" – 2 Cor. 11:13-15; Rev. 2:2
2. "False Teachers" – 2 Peter 2:1
3. "False Tongues" – 1 Cor. 14:1-40
4. "False Prophets" – 1 John 4:1

C. Faking The Christian Witness:

1. "False Record" (witness) – 3 John 12 (since one is true, there must be a false!
2. "False Walk" – Phil. 3:17-19
3. "False Humility" – Col. 2:18, 23
4. "False Witness" – 1 Cor. 15:15

D. Faking Correct Doctrine:

1. "False Presentation of the Faith" – 1 Tim. 1:19,20; 2 Tim. 3:1-9
2. "False Godliness" – 1 Tim. 6:5
3. "False Presentation of the Truth" – 2 Tim. 2:18

E. Faking Elders-Pastors:

1. Pastors-Elders – 1 Tim. 5:17-22
2. Church Leader – 3 John 9-11

F. Faking Being Spiritual:

1. Carnal Christians – 1 Cor. 2:14-3:3
2. Deceiving Seducers Deceiving Themselves – 2 Tim. 3:13
3. False Frame of Mind – Romans 8:4-8
4. False: Sorrow over unrighteousness, Repentance, Confession – 2 Cor. 7:8-10; 1 John 1:9
5. Only Hearers of the Word of God – James 1:22

G. Faking the Fruit from the Spirit

1. Love – 1 John 3:11-12
2. Peace – John 14:27; 1 Thes. 5:3

II. How Does A Spiritual Christian Test The Fake?

- A. The Spiritual Christian is **NOT** discerned!
1. No man can discern if a Christian is spiritual – 1 Cor. 2:15.
 2. But the spiritual Christian can possibly discern when a person is **NOT** spiritual – 1 Cor. 2:14, 3:1-3.
- B. The person claiming to be spiritual is manifesting one or more of the characteristics from the three Christian enemies!
1. The works from the Flesh (sin nature) – Gal. 5:19-20
 2. The workings of Satan: the Lie, lying, bitterness, unforgiving spirit, etc. – 2 Cor. 2:11
 3. Loving the World or Fondness of the World – 1 John 2:15; James 4:4
- C. The person claiming to be spiritual is speaking or doing activities contrary to Scripture! (**Note:** be careful for a Christian may be untaught and ignorant.)
1. Preach a false Gospel for initial salvation – 1 Cor. 14:1-4
 2. They have no sin nature – 1 John 1:10
 3. They proclaim a false Christ – 1 John 4:1-2
 4. They walk contrary to the Truth – 3 John 3, 4
 5. They teach and live law and appose Grace liberty – Gal. 5:6, 13
 6. They mind earthly things – Phil. 3:17-21
 7. They are mockers – Jude 17-19; 2 Peter 3:1-10
 8. They obey not Scripture – 2 Thes. 3:14
- D. Ask the person what, how, and why they are doing what they do – 1 John 4:1; Acts 19:1-5 (**Note:** the person can lie to you!).

Conclusion: These examples are only a small sample of what is presented in the New Testament and is offered only to present the Scriptural fact that carnal Christians and Satan's family can and may fake the spiritual Christian's life style.

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PERSON - - DETERMINATIVE WILL (βούλομαι)

THE OLD UNREGENERATED QUALITY OF THE MIND

FRAMED ON THINGS FROM THE FLESH (THE SIN NATURE)

Rom 8-4-5; 6 (result)

FRAMED ON THINGS

UPON THE

EARTH

Col. 3-2

FRAMED ON THINGS
FROM MEN

Gal. 5-19-21

PERSON -- DETERMINATIVE WILL (βούλομαι)

THE MIND OF CHRIST - THE CHRISTIAN NEW MIND

FRAMED ON THINGS FROM THE SPIRIT

Rom 8:4-5; 6 (Result)

FRAMED ON THINGS ABOVE

Col. 3:1-3

FRAMED ON MATURITY

Rom 8:27;

FRAME OF MIND THAT WAS IN CHRIST JESUS

Phil 2:5

FRAMED ON THE PRIZE OF THE UPWARD CALLING IN CHRIST JESUS

Phil 3:15

FRAMED TO REGULATE EACH STEP ACCORDING TO THE CHRIST

Phil 3:16

FRAMED ON AN EXEMPLARY LIFE STYLE IN THE CHRIST

Phil 3:17-19

← IN THE LORD Phil 4:2 →

FRAMED ON GOOD WORKS

FRAMED ON CHRISTIAN PHYSICAL NEEDS

Phil 4:10

FRAMED ON SPIRITUAL GIFT CORRECTLY

Rom 12:3

FRAMED ON ORGANIZING GOOD WORKS

Ti. + us 3:8

FRAMED TO BE LED ALONG WITH OTHER SPIRITUAL CHRISTIANS

Rom 12:16

FRAMED REGARDING OTHER BELIEVERS

FRAMED ON WEAK BROTHER

Rom 14:26

FRAMED ON EFFECTS OF LEAVEN IN THE LOCAL CHURCH

Gal. 5:10

FRAMED ON IDENTITY OF BELIEVERS

Phil 1:7

FRAMED ON CHRISTIAN UNITY

2 Cor. 13:11, Phil 2:3

FRAMED ON SCRIPTURE

Mt 16:23 Mk 8:33

FRAMED CORRECTLY ON PRE-NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES

Rom 15:4-5

FRAMED CORRECTLY ON NEW TESTAMENT

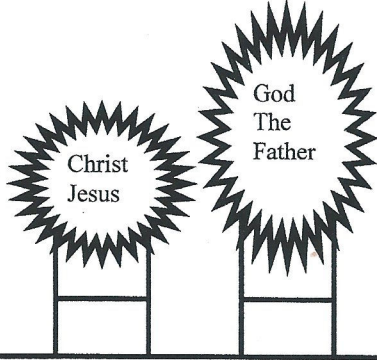
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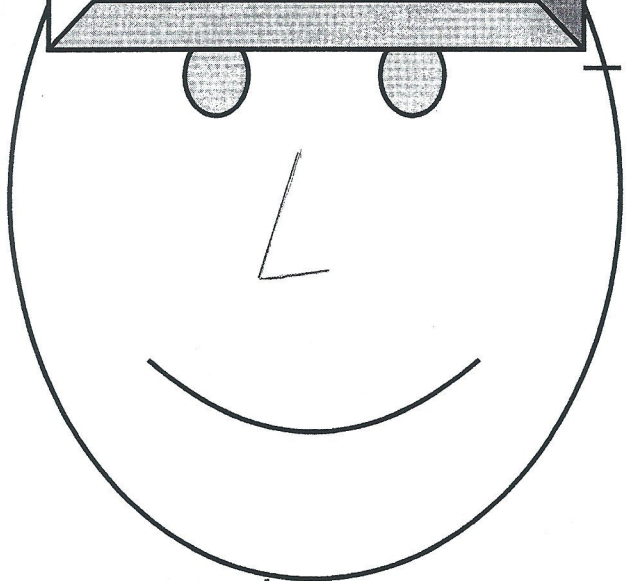
Resurrection Life -Imputation
The Christians *Future Home*

WORSHIP ~ PRAISE
FRUIT FROM THE SPIRIT
~ THANKS ~ SUBMIT ~

Framed Mind on things above-Col.3:1-2
Keep looking around... →



The Heavenly Father's Throne in the 3rd Heaven



Mind on true home

Set Priorities while further restrictions of mind on the Father's course for me to run!

Eternal Life -
An Imparted Possession

- Spiritual:(away from home on a mission from God)
- Directing the Fruit from the Spirit
 - Buying up opportunities from God
 - Utilizing worship, praise, thanks, submission
 - Righteous walk of life, *i.e. life style*

The Earth and Things of the Earth

Being "Away from Home"