

### *The Marks of a Carnal Christian*

can take meat instead of milk. He is incapacitated to either receive or impart the deep things of God.

Why were the Corinthian Christians such babes? Paul tells us clearly in the first two chapters of I Corinthians. They were following human leaders, esteeming the wisdom of men more highly than the wisdom of God. They are substituting fodder for food and attempting to satisfy hunger on husks.

The average Christian does not go first-hand to the Bible for food, trusting the Holy Spirit to give him the strong meat of the Word. He is looking only to human teachers for his spiritual nourishment and gulps down whatever they give him. He is a spiritual parasite living on predigested food, consequently he is underfed and anemic. In this weakened state he is open to all forms of spiritual disease. He is an easy prey for temper, pride, impurity, selfishness and because of his close relationship to other members of the body of Christ, the result is often just such an epidemic of sin as existed in the Corinthian Church. Which are you, still a helpless babe or a mature Christian able to be used by God to help others?

*It is a Life of Barren Fruitlessness*

*"Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away, and every branch*