

DISCIPLINE of the MIND



#1

The Natural Mind is Fallen

1. **Genesis 6:5** - The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.
2. **Psalms 146:4** - When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.
3. **1 Corinthians 3:20** - and again, "The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile."
4. **1 Corinthians 3:19** - For the wisdom of this world is folly with God. For it is written, "He catches the wise in their craftiness,"
5. **1 Corinthians 1:21** - For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe.
6. **Acts 26:25** - But Paul said, "I am not out of my mind, most excellent Festus, but I am speaking true and rational words."


#2

The Natural Mind is Futile

1. **Psalm 94:11** - the LORD—knows the thoughts of man, that they are but a breath. [empty and futile]
2. **Ephesians 4:17** - Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds.
3. **1 Corinthians 3:20** - and again, “The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile.”
4. **Romans 1:21** - For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking...
5. **Romans 8:8** - Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

#3

The Natural Mind is Deceitful

1. **Jeremiah 17:9** - The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?
 2. **Psalms 12:2** - Everyone utters lies to his neighbor; with flattering lips and a double heart they speak.
 3. **Proverbs 12:20** - Deceit is in the heart of those who devise evil, but those who plan peace have joy.
 4. **Jeremiah 14:14** - And the LORD said to me: "The prophets are prophesying lies in my name. I did not send them, nor did I command them or speak to them. They are prophesying to you a lying vision, worthless divination, and the deceit of their own minds.
 5. **Romans 16:18** - For such persons do not serve our Lord Christ, but their own appetites, and by smooth talk and flattery they deceive the hearts of the naive.
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#3

The Natural Mind is Deceitful

6. **Deuteronomy 11:16** - Take care lest your heart be deceived, and you turn aside and serve other gods and worship them;
7. **Proverbs 28:26** - Whoever trusts in his own mind is a fool, but he who walks in wisdom will be delivered.
8. **Proverbs 3:5–6** - Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

#4

The Natural Mind is Debased

1. **Romans 1:28** - And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done.
 2. **Daniel 11:27** - And as for the two kings, their hearts shall be bent on doing evil. They shall speak lies at the same table, but to no avail, for the end is yet to be at the time appointed.
 3. **Philippians 3:19** - Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things.
 4. **Ephesians 2:3** - among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.
 5. **Proverbs 21:10** - The soul of the wicked desires evil; his neighbor finds no mercy in his eyes.
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#4

The Natural Mind is Debased

6. **Psalm 101:4** - A perverse heart shall be far from me; I will know nothing of evil.
7. **Proverbs 12:8** - A man is commended according to his good sense, but one of twisted mind is despised.
8. **Proverbs 17:20** - A man of crooked heart does not discover good, and one with a dishonest tongue falls into calamity.
9. **Titus 1:15** - To the pure, all things are pure, but to the defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure; but both their minds and their consciences are defiled.
10. **Isaiah 32:6** - For the fool speaks folly, and his heart is busy with iniquity, to practice ungodliness, to utter error concerning the LORD, to leave the craving of the hungry unsatisfied, and to deprive the thirsty of drink.

#5

The Natural Mind is Darkened

1. **Romans 1:21** - For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened.
2. **Ephesians 4:18** - They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart.
3. **John 3:18–19** - Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.
4. **Ecclesiastes 8:11** - Because the sentence against an evil deed is not executed speedily, the heart of the children of man is fully set to do evil.
5. **2 Corinthians 4:4** - In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

#6

The Natural Mind is Hostile

1. **Colossians 1:21** - And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds,
2. **Romans 8:7** - For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot.
3. **Proverbs 19:3** - When a man's folly brings his way to ruin, his heart rages against the LORD.
4. **Romans 5:10** - For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

#7

The Natural Mind is Incurably Sick


1. **Jeremiah 17:9** - The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?
2. **Romans 8:7** - For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot.
3. **Proverbs 20:9** - Who can say, "I have made my heart pure; I am clean from my sin"?
4. **2 Corinthians 3:14** - But their minds were hardened. For to this day, when they read the old covenant, that same veil remains unlifted, because only through Christ is it taken away.
5. **Deuteronomy 29:19** - one who, when he hears the words of this sworn covenant, blesses himself in his heart, saying, 'I shall be safe, though I walk in the stubbornness of my heart.' This will lead to the sweeping away of moist and dry alike.
6. **Psalms 81:12** - So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts, to follow their own counsels.
7. **Romans 5:6** - For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

#8

The Natural Mind is Spiritually Dead

1. **Ephesians 2:1** - And you were dead in the trespasses and sins
2. **Colossians 2:13** - And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses,
3. **Ephesians 4:18** - They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart.
4. **Colossians 3:1–2** - If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.
5. **1 Timothy 6:5** - and constant friction among people who are depraved in mind and deprived of the truth, imagining that godliness is a means of gain.

Attributes of the Natural Mind

1. The Natural Mind is **Fallen**.
 2. The Natural Mind is **Futile**.
 3. The Natural Mind is **Deceitful**.
 4. The Natural Mind is **Debased**.
 5. The Natural Mind is **Darkened**.
 6. The Natural Mind is **Hostile**.
 7. The Natural Mind is **Incurably Sick**.
 8. The Natural Mind is **Spiritually Dead**.
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A Whole Heart

- **2 Chronicles 19:9** - And he charged them: "Thus you shall do in the fear of the LORD, in faithfulness, and with your whole heart:
- **Deuteronomy 6:5** - You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.
- **Psalms 86:11** - Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.
- **Jeremiah 32:39** - I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear me forever, for their own good and the good of their children after them.