

## **“Who Is In Control or in Charge Of Your Life?”**

-Is it Jesus Christ or you?

-Are we led by the Spirit or the Flesh?

### **Is the name of Jesus in Control or in Charge of all things in our Life?**

#### **-Spiritually**

##### **John 3:3 NIV**

Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.”

#### **-Personally**

##### **Romans 10:9-10 NIV**

<sup>9</sup> If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.

### **If Jesus is not in control or in charge of our lives, then we are.**

Either we are doing it to please the Father or we are doing it for our own self gratification. “Self”

### **2 examples that we battle with on a daily basis.**

#### **-The Flesh vs The Spirit**

There’s a conflict between our flesh and the Holy Spirit.

They are in constant battle with each other.

##### **Romans 7:15 NIV**

I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do.

**The Flesh** -we cannot satisfy the desires of the flesh. It always wants more.

**-Money -Power -Sex -Lusting -Control -Recognition**

##### **Romans 8:8**

Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.

##### **Galatians 5:17 NIV**

For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want.

#### **The Acts of the Flesh**

##### **Galatians 5:19-21 NIV**

<sup>19</sup> The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; <sup>20</sup> idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions <sup>21</sup> and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

#### **The Spirit**

##### **Galatians 5:22-26 NIV**

<sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

<sup>24</sup> Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup> Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. <sup>26</sup> Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

## **Pick Up Our Cross**

### **Luke 9:23-25 NIV**

<sup>23</sup> Then he said to them all: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. <sup>24</sup> For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it. <sup>25</sup> What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit their very self?"

### **Philippians 4:6-7 NIV**

<sup>6</sup> Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

## **Give it to God and Let Go**

**Let God take control and take charge of our Life Today**

**Amen**