

## Sickness - cont.

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- Selfishness
- Murmuring and discontentment
- Unforgiving
- Pride
- Discouragement
- Worry and strife

### **Spiritual Sickness Can Be Contagious**

Where does a Christian get his or her sickness? It is possible to get spiritually sick from your friends (1 Corinthians 15:33), your family (1 Kings 21:25), and yes, even your own brethren (1 Corinthians 5:6-7).

### **Spiritual Sickness Can Be Deadly**

How bad is your sickness? Well, all sin brings spiritual death (Romans 6:23). Spiritual sickness can also grow and get worse (Isaiah 1:5), and spiritual sickness left untreated will result in eternal death (Revelations 21:8).

### **Spiritual Sickness Can Be Cured**

Friend, do you want to be healed

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of your spiritual sickness? First, you must turn to God, not man (Jeremiah 6:7; 30:12-14; Hosea 5:13). Second, you must get help from spiritual leaders (Ezek. 34:4,16). And finally, you must follow the orders of Jesus “the Great Physician” who wants to heal you (Mark 2:17).

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.  
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

# Sickness Time Is Here

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*And it came to pass, as he sat at meat in the house, behold, many publicans and sinners came and sat down with Jesus and his disciples. And when the Pharisees saw it, they said unto his disciples, Why eateth your Teacher with the publicans and sinners? But when he heard it, he said, They that are whole have no need of a physician, but they that are sick.*

- Matthew 9:10-12 -

*For this cause many among you are weak and sickly, and not a few sleep.*

- 1 Corinthians 11:30 -

We are coming into that time of the year when many people will be getting sick with things like the flu and common cold. And already some are taking precautions against these illnesses. But are you thinking about spiritual sicknesses and how to avoid them?

## Spiritual Sicknesses

Jesus came to heal the physically sick and the spiritually sick (Matthew 9:10-12; Mark 1:30-34; 2:15-17). He was interested in healing the body and the soul of a person.

What are the characteristics of spiritual sickness? Everyone, sometime

in their life gets sick. Young children can become sick and young Christians can become spiritually sick (1 Corinthians 3:1). Elderly people can become sick and older Christians can become spiritually sick (Galatians 5:7). In fact, everyone can become sick at some point in their life, and any Christian can become spiritually sick as well (1 Corinthians 11:30).

## Spiritual Sicknesses Diagnosed

How can we know that we are spiritually sick? What are the symptoms? What is the diagnosis? Here are a few things to look for in your life. Are you ...

- Divisive and contentious (1 Corinthians 1:10-11)?
- Fleshly minded (Galatians 5:19-21)?
- Tossed back and forth by error (Ephesians 4:14)?
- Refusing to work together (Phil. 4:2)?
- Lacking in growth (Hebrews 5:12-14)?
- Following human wisdom (Colossians 2:8ff)?
- Disorderly (2 Thessalonians 3:6)?

- Drifting and falling away from Jesus (Hebrews 2:1; 3:12; 4:1ff)?
- Forsaking the assembling more often (Hebrews 10:25)?
- Fighting and worldly (James 4:1-4)?
- Lukewarm (Revelation 3:16-19)?

Spiritual sickness can be like the common cold. Here are some common spiritual illnesses that Christians can carry ...

- Envy and jealousy
- Gossip and lying
- Lustful thoughts
- Vengeance
- Misplaced priorities
- Anger and malice
- Conformity to the world
- Laziness
- Ingratitude

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