

And after we have been leaders in His work, and have gone forward and accomplished much for him, any one of us may slip into the point where he must address us as a babe in Christ. And so it is good that we come to Him, and find out what He had to say to us to keep from slipping, even as unto babes in Christ. "I have fed you with milk and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able." Are we able? We think of these great doctrines, these wonderful teachings, but are we able to assimilate them, are we ~~in~~ in our hearts spiritual, are we carnal? Well, every one of us at times is carnal. What did he mean by carnal? Does carnal mean that all of your interest is in the things of the flesh? Does carnal mean that you are giving way to the temptations of the flesh? It may be. Show me the man that doesn't. A man said to me, a fine Christian ~~xx~~ man said to me, ~~Y~~ last summer, he said, I don't live to eat, I eat to live. Of course he was joking. And nevertheless, there is a sad thing expressed there, that we can any one of us reach the point where our fleshly appetites become so vital to us that we are living to eat, rather than eating to live. Now what does Paul say about these carnal appetites?

"For ye are yet carnal." What are the carnal appetites he mentions now? "for whereas there is among you envying," ~~and xxxxxxxx~~ Envy. What is carnal about that? That is not the lust of the flesh. That's not the eating and drinking. That's not these things. Envy. Well, envying among Christians? Do you have envy in your heart? If you will stand up here and assure me that you have never had any envy in your heart, and do not now, I will not tell you what I think of you, but I will know that you are very very insincere. Because there is no man living who does not fall into ~~xxx~~ envying at times, and6.... than you think. And when you do you are carnal. "For whereas there is among you envying and strife." Strife. Why Paul says, strive for the gospel. He says strive for the ~~xxx~~ faith, strive for the Word of God, and yet he says there is strife among you as if you are carnal. Yes. If you are striving against unbelief, you are striving against apostasy. If you are ~~striving~~ striving for the things of the Lord,