

DIFFERENT WAYS TO HAVE YOUR MIND SET / *Romans 8:6*

When a person is determined to do something or to hold a certain belief or idea, we say that person has a certain mind-set. A mind-set:

- Determines how a person acts

- Motivates a person

- Influences who or what a person chooses as sources of knowledge and authority

- Affects a person's view of every experience

- Shapes a person's value system

- Dominates a person's private and public life

Paul indicates that all mind-sets can be reduced to two categories: sinful and spiritual. The two mind-sets are not parts of a person or even forces within a person. They signify powers and dominant features of two realms, the spirit and the flesh (former sinful nature).

The sinful mind-set

Consciously and unconsciously will be oriented toward:

- Death

- Hostility toward God

- Resistance to any form of submission

- Actions and attitudes that will not please God

The spiritual mind-set

Consciously and unconsciously will be oriented toward:

- Life and peace

- Friendship with God

- Obedience to the Spirit's influence

- Guidance by the Holy Spirit

- Love for God and neighbor

- Knowing and following the words of Jesus