

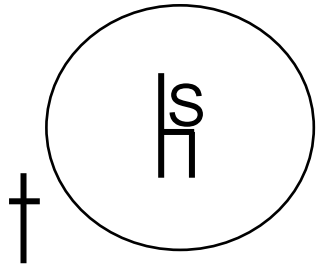
THE PERSON

There are basically three types of people, as explained by St. Paul in 1 Corinthians 2:12-3:3 (King James Version):

- Natural (1 Corinthians 2:14)
- Spiritual (1 Corinthians 2:15)
- Carnal (1 Corinthians 3:1)

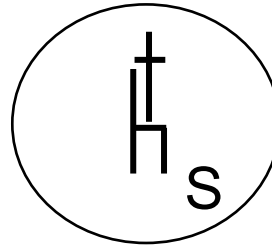
If you were to picture these persons, they might look like this:

NATURAL PERSON



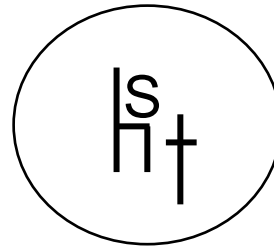
The circle represents a person's life. The "h" in the center of the circle is a chair, or a seat of authority. Whoever sits on this seat controls the life. In the diagram above, the "S" represents Self. The cross represents Christ. You will notice that Jesus is outside the circle, which means He is not in the Natural Person's life, and Self is in control.

SPIRITUAL PERSON



In the Spiritual Person's life, Christ is on the throne and Self is taking orders from Christ, living life according to His Word and His plan.

CARNAL PERSON



The Carnal Person has taken control of this life again. Forcing Christ off the throne. The key to spiritual success is to allow Christ to control your life.

Rededicating yourself to Him is putting Christ back on the throne. Now that you have done this, keep your mind and heart surrendered to Him daily.

If you have any questions about your walk with Christ, please don't hesitate to call us.



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A Prayer of Rededication

“Heavenly Father, I have taken charge of my life and I want to surrender all that I am to you now. I admit that you know what is best for me. I want to get back on track in my spiritual journey with you. In Jesus Name.”

Congratulations!!!

We rejoice with you that you want to rededicate your life to Christ!

Better to rededicate ourselves to Him a hundred times between here and heaven than to throw up our hands and quit because we have failed Him in some way.

What are the main reasons we find it necessary to rededicate ourselves to Christ?

- You may have been unsuccessful in your struggle against temptation.
- You may have been neglecting the opportunity to worship on a regular basis.
- You may have become careless in the practice of your Christian disciplines.

How can you do a better job in the future than you have done in the past?

Temptation

Temptation in itself is not sin. Yielding to temptation is sin (James 1:13-15). So every temptation can be overcome if we will call on God for help and look for the way of escape. Look for the way out; don't look for excuses! (1 Corinthians 10:13)

Temptation usually begins with our thought life. Our thinking is the place to stop temptation in its tracks. How can we stop tempting thoughts? The best way is to replace them with good thoughts. Paul recommended: “Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things” (Philippians 4:8).

Worship

You must regularly get together with other Christians if you're going to be successful in walking with Christ.

- Corporate worship: Large group where the believer worships with other Christ followers.
- Small group connection: Accountability and encouragement from other Christ followers.

Christian Discipline

Discipline is a word with which many of us have a love-hate relationship. We know we should discipline ourselves, but at the same time, we hate to crack the whip when it's so much easier just to drift.

- There's no substitute for **prayer**.
- There's no substitute for the **Bible**. Spiritual nourishment that God's Word provides every day.
- **Witnessing** is another factor in the decline of some Christians. Being willing to share your story with others is a discipline that makes you stronger in Christ.
- **Serving** Christ by serving others in need will help you be thinking of others instead of self.

Resource Suggestions

- [The Life You've Always Wanted](#) by John Ortberg
- [Praying God's Word](#) by Beth Moore
- [The Purpose Driven Life](#) by Rick Warren

