

## *1 Corinthians 15:29-34*

### *“Sober minded tests”*

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#### *1 Corinthians 15*

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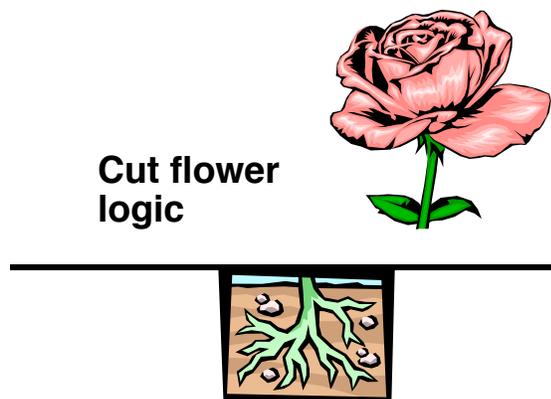
#### **Sober minded test #1**

**Does your life style make sense  
given your faith world  
view?**

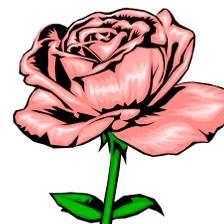
### ***Paul did not divorce the Spirit from the mind.***

“<sup>14</sup> For if I pray in a tongue, my mind is unfruitful. <sup>15</sup> What is the outcome then? I shall pray with the spirit and I shall pray with the mind also;”

**1 Corinthians 14**



**Cut flower  
logic**



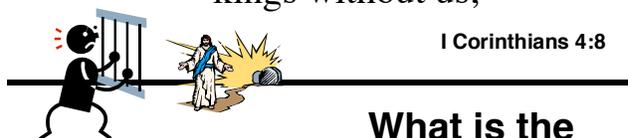
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#### **Sober minded test #2**

**Is your sacrifice worth it  
given the nature of your hope?**

“You are already filled, you have already become rich, you have become kings without us;”

**1 Corinthians 4:8**



**What is the  
nature of the  
Christian hope?**

“If the dead are not raised, *let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.*”



**The carnal hope of the Corinthian church.**

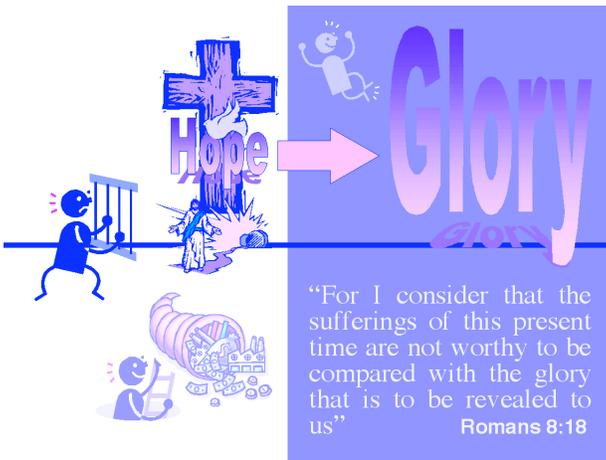


**The spiritual hope of Paul.**

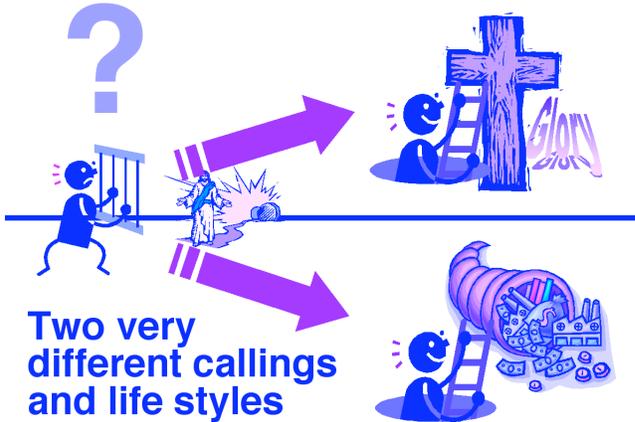


“If we have hoped in Christ in this life only, we are of all men most to be pitied.”

1 Corinthians 15:19



“For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us”  
Romans 8:18



**Two very different callings and life styles**

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**Sober minded test #3**

**Are your investments profitable given your purpose and goal?**

**Food**

**What are you feeding on?**

**Fellowship**

**With whom are you yoked?**

**Fruit**

**How is it working for ya?**