



Inner Growth - Flesh vs Spirit 2 (the battle inside)

But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit. *1 Corinthians 6:17*

Salvation - Ps. 51:10, Tit.3:5, 1 Jhn. 5:12

Pray - Mat. 26:41, 1 Thes.5:17, Eph.6:18

Inside - Gal.5:16, Eph.6:12

Resist - John 14:15, James 4:7

Interpretation - John 14:26, 16:13

Temptation - 1 Cor.10:13, Heb.2:18

As a Christian or believer, our body is the private dwelling place of the Holy Spirit. This means the flesh should not be corrupted by any impurity or evil, whether by immoral thoughts, desires, or deeds. Therefore, we must live in such a way as to honor and please God with our bodies. However, to accomplish these daily tasks is to combat the schemes of Satan and his cohorts that will oppose our efforts. All people that accept and receive Christ into their lives need God's spirit to create in them a clean heart. A vessel that hates sin and a renewed spirit that desires to do the will of God. Only He can make us a new creation and restore us to true godliness. Knowing these principles, the challenge for believers is overcoming the craftiness of the enemy. He wants us to be lost instead of being saved. Our spirit, the inner person, should be renewed daily by repeating chapter fifty-one of the book of Psalms because there may be things we unknowingly said or did that could be sinful.

The real challenge for a Christian or believer is when they develop a prayer life. Why? As the inner person prays daily, the connection between a believer and God becomes spiritually stronger and stronger while the desires and resistance of the flesh get weaker and weaker. The devil challenges the praying believers because it conflicts with his plan to use your flesh against you. Initially, if you declare or plan on praying at a certain time, the enemy will make sure he fills that time with all sorts of carnal opposition. Phone calls, late errands to run, a clumsy error that requires attention, feeling tired unexpectedly, things of that nature. Satan knows that if the prayer goes up to God, it will come down on him and his demons like fire.

The spiritual conflict inside believers involves the whole person; the battle is whether to surrender to the sinful nature's inclinations and again submit to sin's control, or yield to the Spirit's demands and continue under Christ's dominion. The battleground is within believers or Christians themselves.

Each believer will be confronted with something contrary to God and His Word at unexpected times throughout life. To resist is to uphold His values which will show your love towards Him. The question is, how much love do you have for God? The Holy Spirit is similar to our Father. He guides us into all truth throughout our lives if we humble ourselves. The Spirit of God will communicate to us in unique ways. We have access to the Holy Spirit, we should talk to Him because he is a person. Trials and testing are every believer's obstacle to overcome. When we are tempted to be unfaithful to God and give in to sin, we should pray to Christ to give us the strength not to give in to the devil's plan. God's responsibility is to help us in time of need.