

Winning the Battle for a Pure Heart

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Introduction- my battle began in '73, - about '76 I asked, "What is the problem Lord?"

A. Why does it take a battle to have a heart pure?

- Jesus did not ask His Father to take us out of the world, but to protect us from the evil one. John 17:15
- Nothing good dwells in... my flesh. Evil is present in me, the one who wishes to do good. Romans 7:18-21
- We live in a messed-up world**
Romans 5:12, Romans 8:19-22 creation in slavery to corruption _____
 - We have a vicious enemy who is hell-bent on destroying us**
John 10:10 kill, steal, destroy, 1 Peter 5:8 _____marauding beast w/ no rules. Ephesians 2:2, Revelation 12:9 _____and the great dragon was thrown down,
 - We are spiritual beings who dwell in bodies of flesh-**
 - Where did we get this body of flesh?**
Genesis 1:26, 2:7; Zechariah 12:1 _____
 - What are some characteristics of this flesh?**
Genesis 1:31, 2:24-25 initially _____
Romans 7:18-21, Galatians 5:17 _____
 - How did my flesh become sinful?** John 5:19; Jeremiah 17:1
Romans 7:8-11, John 8:34, James 4:17 _____

The porn industry in the U.S. is estimated at \$13 bln per year.

60-70% are in bondage

B. With all these things set against us, is it possible to win this battle? Yes!

Romans 8:31b-38 **If God is for us, who is against us?** Who will bring a charge against God's elect? God is the one who justifies; **Who will separate us from the love of Christ?** Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

37 **But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us.** For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor **any other created thing**, will be able to separate us **from the love of God**, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Nothing outside of you ...

Premise

To win the battle for a pure heart, a man must intensely desire the victory. It is also vital that we understand that **victory over sin is an Effect, for which there are Causes.**

Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap. For **the one who sows to his own flesh shall from the flesh reap corruption**, but the one who sows to the Spirit shall from the Spirit reap eternal life. Galatians 6:7-8

He has granted to us His precious & magnificent promises...
2Peter 1:4

1 Cor. 10:13

We know that, in God's Word, we have all we need to be **complete and equipped** for every good work. (2 Tim. 3:16-17) This motivates us to search the Bible to find out what His promises say will give us victory. Then we must **persevere** in **applying the promises** while resisting **the urge to give up or avoid our responsibility**. Finally, to win this battle we may need to re-think some false thinking we've been exposed to, such as, **"Yes, I'm living in immorality right now, but that's just where God has me;"** or, **"It might be God's will for me to live in impurity, so I can learn something He wants to teach me."**

God's Will for your Life

1 **Thessalonians 4:3-8 For this is the will of God, your sanctification; that is, that you abstain from sexual immorality;** 4 that each of you know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and **honor**, 5 **not in lustful passion**, like those who do not know God; 6 that no man transgress and defraud his brother in the matter because the Lord is *the* avenger in all these things, just as we also told you before and solemnly warned *you*. 7 For God has not called us for the purpose of impurity, but in sanctification. 8 **Consequently, he who rejects this is not rejecting man but the God who gives His Holy Spirit to you.** (God's will also in, Romans 12:2, 1 Thess. 5:16-18)

a. **What are the factors involved in winning the battle?**

1. **The power of the forces engaged in battle**

i. **Our flesh is weak and corrupted by sin**

Matthew 26:41 the spirit is willing _____

Ephesians 4:22 corrupted in accordance with _____

Do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not give the devil an opportunity. Ephesians 4:26

ii. **The enemy's power is sobering, but limited**

1 Peter 5:8 Be of sober spirit, alert (vigilant) watchful

Job 1:12 all that he has is in your power, only do not touch him...

Luke 22:31 Simon, Simon... Satan has demanded permission-John 17:15

iii. **The Lord is mighty to save and his power incomparable-**

Isaiah 63:1, Ephesians 1:18-20 surpassing greatness of His power

Jeremiah 32:17 "Nothing is too difficult for Thee."

Hebrews 1:2, Colossians, 1:16 Isaiah 40:26- stars 3X10 to the 23rd

1,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 stars. Each one is named and numbered- Isaiah 40:26

2. **The resolve of the forces engaged in battle**

i. **What's motivates you to stay in the battle for a pure heart?**

Why haven't you given up on this battle?

Hebrews 12:1-4 _____

Matthew 5:8, Psalm 66:18, 2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1

Matthew 12:29, Proverbs 25:28 _____

1Corinthians 3:11 ff, Ephesians 5:5 For this you know ____

1 Corinthians 6:18 Flee immorality. Every *other* sin that a man

Against evil
Why fight?
Avoid the struggle,
call it right.
D. Soderholm

3. **The weapons and tactics used by the battling forces**

i. **The enemy's weapons and tactics**

... with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming missiles (fiery darts) of the evil one. Ephesians 6:16

What are some flaming arrows that can hit a man?

Accusations -Accuser of the brethren Rev. 12:10 day and night

Romans 8:1 no condemnation for those who are in Christ...

Deception-Revelation12:9, 2 Corinthians 11:3

What are Satan's lies?

This sin will make you happy.
Just one look won't hurt anything.
You deserve better.
God doesn't expect you to wait.
You won't be found out.
There is nothing you can do to win this battle. You can win this battle if you just try harder.

What does God say to these things?

1. the sorrows of those who have bartered... Psalm 16:4
2. Matthew 6:22-23, Watch over you heart... Proverbs 4:23
3. why should...? Lam. 3:39
4. It is good ... Lamentations 3:26
5. it will be revealed in the congregation- Proverbs 5:14
6. If you abide... ask your wish and it will be done John 15:7
7. apart from me, you can do... John 15:5

Schemes- 2 Corinthians 2:11 (Are we ignorant of his schemes?)

Enticements of the adulteress

"do not let her catch you with her..."
"do not listen to ..." phone calls, co-workers
"do not go near the" Web site

Read Proverbs 5 and 7, circling the things which an adulteress uses to entice a foolish man.

But put on the Lord Jesus Christ and **make no provision for the flesh** in regard to its lusts. Romans 13:14
She is smooth, but in the end, **bitter as poison**. Get rid of **all** bad pictures and other material in your life.
Fix your computers and devices so that you accountability buddies will know if you access anything bad.
Prepare for battle at the end of the day. Media off 30 minutes before bed and spend time in God's word. Psalm 16:7

What is one stronghold in your heart that needs to be destroyed?

What is one setting in which you need to take your thoughts captive?

Either this book will keep you out of sin, or sin will keep you out of this book.

If you believe the Bible, you will want to hear, read, study, memorize, meditate on it and apply it to your life.

Deal with any underlying wounds and bitterness, resentment of parents, un-forgiveness, or pride James 3:14, Heb. 12:15

Who will listen and hold you accountable, pray and keep their mouth shut about your issues? Stick to them like glue

The last rule of spiritual warfare is, never, never, never, never, never, never, never, never, never give up.

But prove yourselves doers of the word, not merely hearers who delude themselves. James 1:22

ii. Our weapons and tactics

Weapons- Not of the Flesh- 2 Corinthians 10:3-5

For though we walk in the flesh, **we do not war according to the flesh**, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. *We are* destroying **speculations** and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and *we are* taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ, X-rated video shop between Lincoln and Omaha

Having girded your loins with Truth, having the Gospel, Breastplate of righteousness, in addition to all Shield of faith, Helmet of salvation, Sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God. Ephesians 6:10-18

Tactics

Total reliance upon (the Spirit of) God for the victory

that all this assembly may know that ... the battle is the LORD's and He will give you into our hands. 1 Samuel 17:47, Philippians 4:13, Proverbs 18:10
Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit... Zechariah 4:6
If you abide in me, ask whatever you wish... John 15:7-8, Psalm 16:8

Total faith in God's Word. (Hear, read, study, memorize, meditate, apply)

How can a young man keep his way pure... Thy Word. Psalm 119:9-11
Take **the sword of the Spirit** (It's not a rubber knife.) Ephesians 6:17
It is piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit... Hebrews 4:12-13
Joshua 1:8 Success- Thy words were found... - Jeremiah 15:6, Psalm 1:2-3,
Jesus said, "Father, **sanctify them in truth, Thy word is truth.**" John 17:13
Is not my word like fire? And like a hammer... Jeremiah 23:28-29

Total responsibility taken for the consequences of my sin

If I am a slave of a sin, it is because I have committed that sin. (John 8:34)
For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set... Romans 8:6
Don't be deceived, bad company corrupts good morals. 1 Corinthians 15:33
The eye that mocks a father, and despises to obey... Proverbs 30:17

and for my choices in pursuit of the victory

Fixing our eyes on Jesus- Hebrews 12:3, Psalm 16:8
He who has this hope fixed on Him purifies himself just as He... 1 John 3:2-3
Watch over your heart with all diligence for from it flows-life. Proverbs 4:23
Let your eyes look directly ahead and let you gaze be fixed... Proverbs 4:25
I have made a covenant with my eyes. Have you done this? Job 31:1
Cleanse your hands you sinners-purify your hearts... James 4:8-exalt
If we confess our sins- 1 John 1:9- forgiveness and cleansing promised
he who confesses and forsakes them **will find compassion.** Prov. 28:13
The mind of the wise is in the house of mourning (not) pleasure Eccl. 7:4

Accountability- He who walks with wise men will be wise. Prov 13:20
Only acknowledge your iniquity... then I will give you... Jeremiah 3:13a, 15
Total honesty- Iron sharpens iron, Prov. 27:17, Ecclesiastes 4:9-10, 12
Confess your sins to one another... that you may be healed James 5:16

Total commitment to persevere (keep fighting) until the end

For you have need of **endurance**, so that when you have done the will of God, you may receive what was promised. Hebrews 10:36, Romans 15:4
Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; persevere in these things for as you do this **you will ensure salvation both for yourself and for those who hear you.** 1 Timothy 4:16, Col. 1:21-23a

What action will you take? Write down one verse you will apply to your life and write out one thing you will do to apply the verse.

Cosmetic industry
in U.S. in 2016-
\$62.5 billion
For 2017 globally,
\$265 bln-projected

Proverbs 5

- 1 **My son, give attention to my wisdom**, incline your ear to my understanding;
- 2 **That you may observe discretion** and your lips may reserve knowledge.

- 3 For the **lips of an adulteress drip honey** and **smoother than oil is her speech**;
- 4 **But in the end she is bitter as wormwood**, sharp as a two-edged sword.
- 5 **Her feet go down to death**, her steps take hold of Sheol.
- 6 She does not ponder the path of life; her ways are unstable, she does not know it.
- 7 Now then, my sons, listen to me and do not depart from the words of my mouth.
- 8 **Keep your way far from her** and **do not go near the door of her house**,
- 9 **Lest you give your vigor (strength)** to others and **your years to the cruel one**;
- 10 And strangers will be filled with your strength and your hard-earned goods will go to the house of an alien;
- 11 And **you groan at your final end, when your flesh and your body are consumed**;
- 12 And you say, "How I have hated instruction! And my heart spurned reproof!
- 13 "I have not listened to the voice of my teachers, nor inclined my ear to my instructors!
- 14 **"I was almost in utter ruin in the midst of the assembly and congregation."**

What is one enticement of the adulteress you should beware of? What is one consequence of not being on your guard? What is one way to keep away from the door of her house?

- 15 **Drink water from your own cistern** and fresh water from your own well.
- 16 Should **your springs** be dispersed abroad, streams of water **in the streets**?
- 17 Let them be yours alone and not for strangers with you.
- 18 Let your fountain be blessed, and **rejoice in the wife of your youth**.
- 19 As a loving hind and a graceful doe, let her breasts satisfy you at all times;
Be exhilarated always with her love.

What is suggested as an alternative to getting involved with an adulteress..

- 20 For why should you, my son, be exhilarated with an adulteress and embrace the bosom of a foreigner?
- 21 For the ways of a man are before the eyes of **the LORD**, and **He watches** all his paths.
- 22 His own iniquities will **capture** the wicked, and **he will be held with the cords of his sin**.
- 23 **He will die** for lack of instruction, and in the greatness of his folly he will go astray.

Proverbs 7

- 1 **My son**, keep my words and treasure my commandments within you.
- 2 **Keep my commandments and live**, and my teaching as the apple of your eye.
- 3 Bind them on your fingers; **Write them on the tablet of your heart**.
- 4 Say to wisdom, "You are my sister," and call understanding your intimate friend
- 5 That they may **keep you from an adulteress**, from the foreigner who **flatters with her words**.
- 6 For at the window of my house I looked out through my lattice,
- 7 And I saw among the naive, and discerned among the youths a young man lacking sense,
- 8 Passing through the street near her corner; and **he takes the way to her house**,
- 9 In the twilight, in the evening, in the middle of the night and **in the darkness**.
- 10 And behold, a woman comes to meet him, **dressed as a harlot** and **cunning of heart**.
- 11 She is boisterous and rebellious, her feet do not remain at home;
- 12 She is now in the streets, now in the squares, and lurks by every corner.
- 13 So she seizes him and kisses him and with a brazen face she says to him:
- 14 "I was due to offer peace offerings; today I have paid my vows.
- 15 "Therefore I have come out to meet you, to seek your presence earnestly, and I have found you.
- 16 "I have spread my couch with coverings, with colored linens of Egypt.
- 17 "I have sprinkled my bed with myrrh, aloes and cinnamon.
- 18 "Come, let us drink our fill of love until morning; let us delight ourselves with caresses.
- 19 "For my husband is not at home, he has gone on a long journey;
- 20 He has taken a bag of money with him, at the full moon he will come home."
- 21 With her many persuasions she entices him; with her flattering lips she seduces him.
- 22 Suddenly he follows her as an ox goes to the slaughter, or as one in fetters to the discipline of a fool,
- 23 Until an arrow pierces through his liver; as a bird hastens to the snare, so he does not know that it will cost him his life.
- 24 Now therefore, my sons, listen to me, and pay attention to the words of my mouth.
- 25 Do not let your heart turn aside to her ways, do not stray into her paths.
- 26 For many are the victims she has cast down, and numerous are all her slain.
- 27 Her house is the way to Sheol, descending to the chambers of death.

What will keep you from an adulteress? What are some characteristics/enticements of an adulteress? If an arrow goes through your liver, will you live?

'Besiegers come from a far country, and lift their voices against the cities of Judah. Jeremiah 4:16

What are your chances of living a normal life with an arrow in your liver? Are you her first victim?

Genesis 1:26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

Genesis 2:7 Then the LORD God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

Joshua 1:8 This book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it, for then you will make your way prosperous and then you will have success.

2 Kings 6:15-ff Now when the attendant of the man of God had risen early and gone out, behold, an army with horses and chariots was circling the city. And his servant said to him, "Alas, my master! What shall we do?" 16 So he answered, "Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them." 17 Then Elisha prayed and said, "O LORD, I pray, open his eyes that he may see." And the LORD opened the servant's eyes and he saw; and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha

Job 1:12

12 Then the LORD said to Satan, "Behold, all that he has is in your power, only do not put forth your hand on him." So Satan departed from the presence of the LORD.

Job 31:1 I have made a covenant with my eyes; how then could I gaze at a virgin?

Psalms 1:2-3 But his delight is in the Law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night...

Psalms 16:7,8,11

In thy presence is fullness of joy, at thy right hand there are pleasures forever.

Psalms 19:11

Moreover, by them Your servant is warned; In keeping them there is **great reward**.

Psalms 27:4

One thing I have asked of the Lord, that I shall seek. That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to meditate in His temple.

Psalms 119:9-11 How can a young man keep his way pure, by keeping it according to Thy word.

Proverbs 4:23-27

23 Watch over your heart with all diligence, for from it flow the springs of life.

24 Put away from you a deceitful mouth and put devious speech far from you.

25 Let your eyes look directly ahead, and let your gaze be fixed straight in front of you.

26 Watch the path of your feet; and all your ways will be established.

27 Do not turn to the right nor to the left; turn your foot from evil.

Proverbs 5:22

His own iniquities will capture the wicked, and **he will be held with the cords of his sin**.

Proverbs 9

13 The woman of folly is boisterous, she is naive, and knows nothing.

14 And she sits at the doorway of her house, on a seat by the high places of the city,

15 Calling to those who pass by, who are making their paths straight:

16 "Whoever is naive, let him turn in here," And to him who lacks understanding she says,

17 "Stolen water is sweet; and bread eaten in secret is pleasant."

18 But he does not know that the dead are there, that her guests are in the depths of Sheol.

Proverbs 11:18 The wicked earns deceptive wages, but he who sows righteousness gets a true reward

Proverbs 25:28

Like a city that is broken into and without walls is a man who has no control over his spirit.

Proverbs 28:13

He who conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will find compassion.

Proverbs 28:14

How blessed is the man who fears always, but he who hardens his heart will fall into calamity.

Proverbs 28:20

Sheol and Abaddon are never satisfied, nor are the eyes of man ever satisfied.

Proverbs 29:22 An angry man stirs up strife, and a hot-tempered man abounds in transgression.

Proverbs 30:17 the eye that mocks a father and despises to obey a mother, the ravens of the valley will pick it out, and the young eagles will eat it.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10, 12

Two are better than one because they have a good return for their labor. For if either of them falls the one will lift up his companion. But woe to the one who falls when there is not another to lift him up. And if one can overpower him who is alone, two can resist him. A cord of three strands is not quickly torn apart.

Isaiah 40:26 Lift up your eyes on high and see who has created these stars, The One who leads forth their host by number, He calls them all by name; Because of the greatness of His might and the strength of His power not one is missing.

Isaiah 63:1b "It is I who speak in righteousness, mighty to save."

Jeremiah 3:13a, 15

13 'Only acknowledge your iniquity, that you have transgressed against the LORD your God.....

15 Then I will give you shepherds after My own heart, who will feed you on knowledge and understanding."

Jeremiah 13:23

"Can the Ethiopian change his skin or the leopard his spots? Then you also can do good who are accustomed to doing evil.

Jeremiah 15:16

Thy words were found and I ate them, and Thy words became for me a joy and the delight of my heart; For I have been called by Thy name, O LORD God of hosts.

Jeremiah 17:1 The sin of Judah is written down with an iron stylus; with a diamond point it is engraved upon the tablet of their heart, and on the horns of their altars,

Jeremiah 23:28-29

"The prophet who has a dream may relate his dream, but let him who has My word speak My word in truth. What does straw have in common with grain?" declares the LORD. "Is not My word like fire?" declares the LORD, "and like a hammer which shatters a rock?"

Jeremiah 32:17 Ah, Lord God! Behold, Thou hast made the heavens and the earth by Thy great power and Thy outstretched arm! Nothing is too difficult for Thee.

Micah 7:8

Do not rejoice over me, O my enemy. Though I fall I will rise; Though I dwell in darkness, the LORD is a light for me.

Zechariah 12:1b

Thus declares the LORD who stretches out the heavens, lays the foundation of the earth, and forms the spirit of man within him,

Zechariah 4:6

6 Then he said to me, "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel saying, 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' says the LORD of hosts.

Matthew 5:27-29 "You have heard that it was said, 'YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY'; but I say to you, that **everyone who looks on a woman to lust for her has committed adultery with her** already in his heart. "And if your right eye makes you stumble, tear it out, and throw it from you; for it is better for you that one of the parts of your body perish, than for your whole body to be thrown into hell.

Matthew 26:41

Keep watching and praying, that you may not enter into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.

Luke 22:31-32

31"Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has demanded *permission* to sift you like wheat; 32 but I have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned again, strengthen your brothers."

John 15:5,7-11

5 "I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me, and I in him, he bears much fruit; **for apart from Me you can do nothing.** 7 "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it shall be done for you. 8 "By this is My Father glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples. 9 "Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you; abide in My love. 10 "If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father's commandments, and abide in His love. 11 These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may be in you, and *that* your joy may be made full.

Romans 7

1 Or do you not know, brethren (for I am speaking to those who know the law), that the law has jurisdiction over a person he lives? 2 For the married woman is bound by law to her husband while he is living; but if her husband dies, she is released from the law concerning the husband. 3 So then, if while her husband is living she is joined to another man, she shall be called an adulteress; but if her husband dies, she is free from the law, so that she is not an adulteress though she is joined to another man.

4 Therefore, my brethren, you also were made to die to the Law through the body of Christ, so that you might be joined to another, to Him who was raised from the dead, in order that we might bear fruit for God. 5 **For while we were in the flesh, the sinful passions, which were aroused by the Law, were at work in the members of our body to bear fruit for death.** 6 But now we have been released from the Law, having died to that by which we were bound, so that we serve in newness of the Spirit and not in oldness of the letter. 7 What shall we say then? Is the Law sin? May it never be! On the contrary, I would not have come to know sin except through the Law; for I would not have known about coveting if the Law had not said, "YOU SHALL NOT COVET." 8 **But sin, taking opportunity through the commandment, produced in me coveting of every kind; for apart from the Law sin is dead.** 9 **And I was once alive apart from the Law; but when the commandment came, sin became alive and I died;** 10 and this commandment, which was to result in life, proved to result in death for me; 11 for **sin, taking an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me.** 12 So then, the Law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.

13 Therefore did that which is good become a cause of death for me? May it never be! **Rather it was sin, in order that it might be shown to be sin by effecting my death** through that which is good, so that through the commandment sin would become utterly sinful.

14 For we know that the Law is spiritual, **but I am of flesh, sold into bondage to sin.** 15 **For that which I am doing, I do not understand; for I am not practicing what I would like to do, but I am doing the very thing I hate.** 16 But if I do the very thing I do not wish to do, I agree with the Law, confessing that the Law is good. 17 So now, no longer am I the one doing it, but sin which indwells me.

18-21 For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh; for the willing is present in me, but the doing of the good is not. 19 **For the good that I want, I do not do, but I practice the very evil that I do not want.** 20 But if I am doing the very thing I do not want, I am no longer the one doing it, but sin which dwells in me. 21 I find then the principle that **evil is present in me, the one who wants to do good.**

22 **For I joyfully concur with the law of God in the inner man,** 23 **but I see a different law in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin which is in my members.** 24 Wretched man that I am! **Who will set me free from the body of this death?** 25 Thanks be to God through **Jesus Christ our Lord!** So then, on the one hand **I myself with my mind am serving the law of God,** but on the other, **with my flesh the law of sin.**

Romans 8: 1Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. 3For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God did, sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, 4so that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. 5 For those who are according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. 6 For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace, 7 because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able to do so, 8 and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. 9 However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him. 10 If Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, yet the spirit is alive because of righteousness. 11 But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

12 So then, brethren, we are under obligation, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— 13 for if you are living according to the flesh, you must die; but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live. 14 For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. 15 For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!" 16 The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him. 18 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.

19 For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God. 20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now. 23 And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body. 24 For in hope we have been saved, but hope that is seen is not hope; for who hopes for what he already sees? 25 But if we hope for what we do not see, with perseverance we wait eagerly for it. 26 In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words; 27and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. 28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. 29 For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; 30and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.

31What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us? 32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things? 33 Who will bring a charge against God's elect? God is the one who justifies; 34 who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. 35 Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36Just as it is written,
"FOR YOUR SAKE WE ARE BEING PUT TO DEATH ALL DAY LONG;
WE WERE CONSIDERED AS SHEEP TO BE SLAUGHTERED."

37But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. 38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 39nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. There is nothing outside of you, opposing you...that can keep you from God's love.

Romans 13:13-14 13Let us behave properly as in the day, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual promiscuity and sensuality, not in strife and jealousy. 14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh in regard to its lusts.

Romans 15:4 For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, so that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

1 Corinthians 6:18 Flee immorality. Every *other* sin that a man commits is outside the body, but the immoral man **sins against his own** body.

1 Corinthians 10:13

No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, that you may be able to endure it.

1 Corinthians 15:57 57 but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 2:11

in order that no advantage be taken of us by Satan; for we are not ignorant of his schemes.

2 Corinthians 6:17-7:1 Therefore, "Come out from their midst and be separate, *says the Lord*. And **do not touch what is unclean**, and I will welcome you." 18 And, "I will be a Father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to Me, *says the Lord Almighty*." 7:1 Therefore, having these promises, beloved, **let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit**, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

2 Corinthians 10:3-5

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses strongholds. *We are* destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and *we are* taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ,

2 Corinthians 11:3

But I am afraid, lest as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds should be led astray from the simplicity and purity *of devotion* to Christ.

Galatians 5:13-21

13 For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but **through love serve one another**. 14 For the whole Law is fulfilled in one word, in the statement, "YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF."

16 But I say, **walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.** 17

For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law. 19 Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: **immorality, impurity, sensuality**, 20 idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, 21 envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Galatians 6:7-8

"Do not be deceived, God is not **mocked**, for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap. For **the one who sows to his own flesh**, shall **from the flesh reap corruption**, but the one who sows to the Spirit, shall from the Spirit reap eternal life."

(mook-tay-rid'-zo) **Short Def:** I sneer at, disdain mock, scornfully reject I turn up the nose as a sign of contempt),

Ephesians 1:18-22

18 I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, 19 and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. These are in accordance with the working of the strength of His might 20 which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead, and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age, but also in the one to come.

Ephesians 4:22-24, 26-27 that, in reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth. 26 BE ANGRY, AND yet DO NOT SIN; do not let the sun go down on your anger, 27 and do not give the devil an opportunity.

Ephesians 5:5 For this you know with certainty, that **no immoral or impure person** or covetous man who is an idolater, **has an inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.**

Ephesians 6:10-18

Finally, be strong in the Lord, and in the strength of His might. 11 Put on the full armor of God, that you may be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. 12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual *forces* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*. 13 Therefore, take up the full armor of God, that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. 14 Stand firm therefore, **HAVING GIRDED YOUR LOINS WITH TRUTH, and HAVING PUT ON THE BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS,** 15 and having shod **YOUR FEET WITH THE PREPARATION OF THE GOSPEL OF PEACE;** 16 in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming missiles of the evil *one*. 17 And take **THE HELMET OF SALVATION,** and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. 18 With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints,

Philippians 4:13

I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.

Colossians 1:13-17 For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. 15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. 16 For by Him all things were created, *both* in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him. 17 He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

Colossians 1:21-23a And although you were formerly alienated and hostile in mind, *engaged* in evil deeds, 22 yet He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, in order to present you before Him **holy and blameless and beyond reproach** 23 **if indeed you continue in the faith** firmly established and steadfast, and not moved away from the hope of the gospel that you have heard

Colossians 2:8

See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition (a teaching handed over from one generation to the next) of men, according to the **elementary principles** (the basics, or fundamentals) **of the world,** rather than according to Christ. (When I was a young man, the message of the world was, "If it feels good, do it")

Colossians 2:13-14 When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions, 14 having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.

1 Thessalonians 4:3-8

For this is the will of God, your sanctification; that is, that you abstain from sexual immorality; 4 that each of you know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and **honor,** 5 **not in lustful passion,** like those who do not know God; 6 *and* that no man transgress and defraud his brother in the matter because the Lord is *the avenger* in all these things, just as we also told you before and solemnly warned *you*. 7 For God has not called us for the purpose of impurity, but in sanctification. 8 **Consequently, he who rejects this is not rejecting man but the God who gives His Holy Spirit to you.**

Hebrews 1:2

in these last days has spoken to us in *His Son*, whom He appointed heir of all things, **through whom also He made the world.**

Hebrews 4:12-13

12 For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. 13 And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do.

Hebrews 12:1-4

1 Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance, and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 **fixing our eyes on Jesus**, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 **For consider Him** who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you may not grow weary and lose heart. **You have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood in your striving against sin;**

Hebrews 12:15

See to it that no one comes short of the grace of God; that no root of bitterness springing up causes trouble, and by it many be defiled;

2 Timothy 2:21-22

Therefore, if a man cleanses himself from these *things*, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified, useful to the Master, prepared for every good work. 22 Now flee from youthful lusts, and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.

James 3:14-16

But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your heart, do not be arrogant and so lie against the truth. 15 This wisdom is not that which comes down from above, but is earthly, natural, demonic. 16 **For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every evil thing.**

James 4:3-10

You ask and do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend *it* on your pleasures. 4 You adulteresses, do you not know that **friendship with the world is hostility toward God?** Therefore, whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. 5 Or do you think that the Scripture speaks to no purpose: "He jealously desires the Spirit which He has made to dwell in us"? 6 But He gives a greater grace. Therefore *it* says, "GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE." 7 Submit therefore to God. **Resist the devil and he will flee from you.** 8 Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. **Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.** 9 Be miserable and mourn and weep; let your laughter be turned into mourning, and your joy to gloom. 10 Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you.

James 4:17 Therefore, to one who knows *the* right thing to do, and does not do it, to him it is sin.

1 Peter 2:11

Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts **which wage war against the soul.**

1 Peter 5:8

Be of **sober spirit**, be on the alert. **Your adversary, the devil**, prowls about like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

1 John 1:9 **If we confess our sins**, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 3:2-3

Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we shall be. We know that, when He appears, we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him just as He is. And **every one who has this hope fixed on Him purifies himself**, just as He is pure.

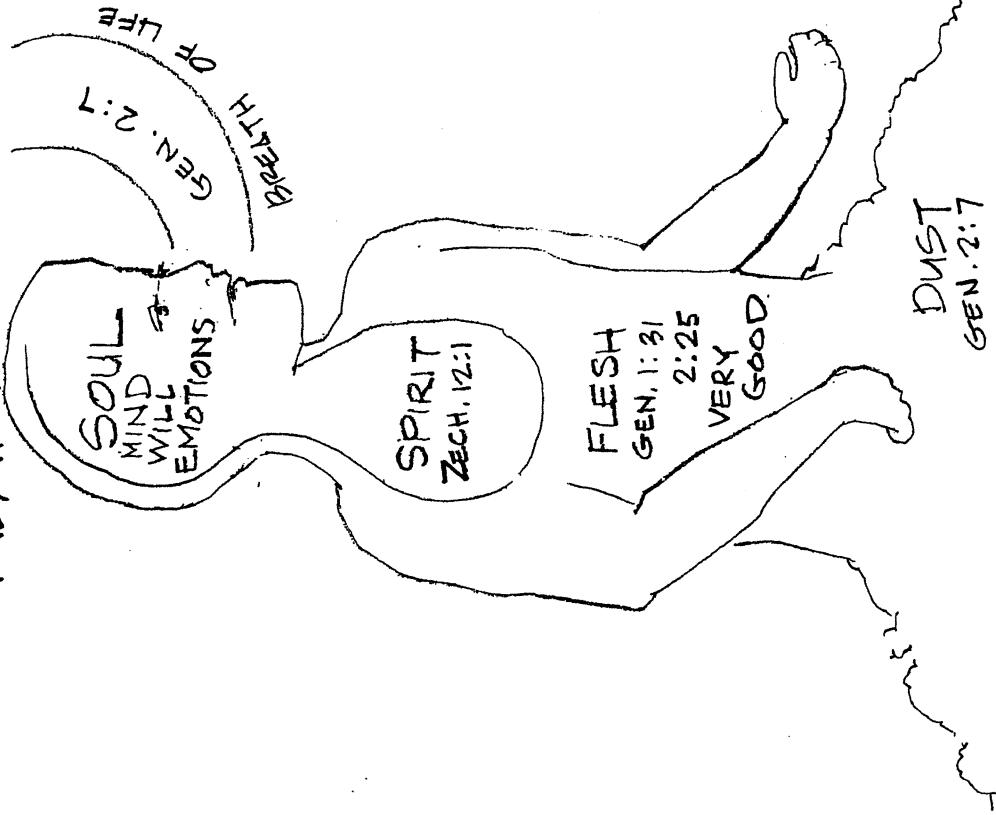
Revelation 12:9

And the great **dragon** was thrown down, the **serpent** of old **who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world**; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

GOD - LET US MAKE MAN IN OUR IMAGE...

GEN. 1:26

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PAUL - ROM. 7

I WISH TO DO GOOD V. 19

