

“Our fight is not against people on earth but against the rulers and authorities and the powers of this world’s darkness, against the spiritual powers of evil in the heavenly world ... **Ephesians 6:12–13 (NCV)**

Winning the Invisible War

Winning the battle inside

Inspired by Rick Warren

The C_____ of *not* winning your Internal Battle

1. C_____
2. G_____ & S_____
3. Out of C_____
4. Self-C_____
5. F_____
6. D_____ and D_____

“I don’t understand myself at all, for I really want to do what is right, but I can’t. I do what I don’t want to—what I hate. I know perfectly well that what I am doing is wrong, and my bad conscience proves that I agree with these laws I am breaking. But I can’t help myself because I’m no longer doing it. It is sin inside me that is stronger than I am that makes me do these evil things.

I know I am rotten through and through so far as my old sinful nature is concerned. No matter which way I turn I can’t make myself do right. I want to but I can’t. When I want to do good, I don’t; and when I try not to do wrong, I do it anyway. Now if I am doing what I don’t want to, it is plain where the trouble is: sin still has me in its evil grasp. It seems to be a fact of life that when I want to do what is right, I inevitably do what is wrong. I love to do God’s will so far as my new nature is concerned; but there is something else deep within me, in my lower nature, that is at war with my mind and wins the fight and makes me a slave to the sin that is still within me.

In my mind I want to be God’s willing servant, but instead I find myself still enslaved to sin. So you see how it is: my new life tells me to do right, but the old nature that is still inside me loves to sin. Oh, what a terrible predicament I’m in! Who will free me from my slavery to this deadly lower nature? Thank God! It has been done by Jesus Christ our Lord. He has set me free.” **Romans 7:15–25 (The Living Bible)**

The C_____ of your Internal Battle

You have t_____ n_____

You have an “___” problem

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“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control...” Galatians 5:22–23 (NIV84)

The C_____ for your Internal Battle

To be Continued ...

- A _____ named Jesus
- The _____ of the Cross
- The _____ of the Holy Spirit

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Thank God! It has been done by Jesus Christ our Lord. He has set me free.” “So there is now no condemnation awaiting those who belong to Christ Jesus.” **Romans 7:25-8:1 (The Living Bible)**