

WINNING THE BATTLE

You Must Be Spiritually Broken for God to Use You:

PART 2

Gal 5:1, 13-26

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God must break your fleshly pride and will so He can work in you through the Holy Spirit to create a new nature that submits to Him and follows His will.

Steps to Spiritual Renewal

1. God will expose your sins, break your pride, and bring your rebellious will under His authority.
2. God will heal your broken spirit by reminding you of who you are in Christ.
3. The Holy Spirit will replace those fleshly selfish self-destructive behaviors with godly ones.
4. The Holy Spirit will empower you to live for Him as an example to the world.
5. The Holy Spirit will go before you to fight the battles you will face from Satan.
6. The Holy Spirit will keep you focused on God's grace when you sin and focused on your eternal home in heaven to encourage you when you feel discouraged and defeated.

Steps 2-3

2. God will heal your broken spirit by reminding you of who you are in Christ

Satan tries to break your spirit by telling lies like, "What good does it do to serve God?" "You serve God and He punishes you by not doing things your way." "You serve God and things get worse, not better." "You can serve God and still do the things you want to do."

God must change destructive behavior patterns in your life before He can use you. God wants you to realize that you have been chasing after all the wrong things you think will bring happiness and fulfillment in your life. True happiness and fulfillment are found in serving Christ. God reminds you that what you have is so much better than what you given up.

As a Christ follower, you...

are loved by God (Jn 3:16, Rom 5:8), enjoy eternal life with Christ (Jn 10:28-29), are declared not guilty and righteous before God (Rom 3:24), have power over sin unless you give in to it (Rom 6:6), are no longer condemned to suffer God's wrath (Eph 2:3), belong to Christ (Rom 8:1, Rom 4:6-8), are adopted into the family of God (Rom 8:23-25), have the Holy Spirit interceding for you (Rom 8:26-27), are no longer a slave to sin (Gal 5:16-21), free to keep in step with the Holy Spirit by showing spiritual fruit (Gal 5:22-25), are dead to sin but alive in Christ to do good works (Eph 2:1-10), are victorious in following Christ (Rom 8:31-39), are being conformed to the image of Christ (Rom 8:28-29), are transformed by renewing your mind (Rom 12:2), are a new creature in Christ (2 Cor 5:17), are sons and daughters of Christ (Rom 8:15-17), are co-heirs with Christ in heaven (Gal 4:1-7), are freed from sin to serve Christ (Gal 5:1, 13), are chosen by God to bear fruit and live for Him (John 15:16, 2 Pet 1:3-8), are forgiven completely (Eph 1:7, Acts 3:19), are sealed by the Holy Spirit guaranteeing you belong to God (Eph 4:4-6), will have your needs met (Phil 4:19), will receive an inheritance that is incorruptible and eternal (1 Pet 1:4), will live with Christ forever (Rev 22:5)

3. The Holy Spirit will replace those fleshly selfish self-destructive behaviors with godly ones

When you operate in the flesh, the Holy Spirit cannot work in you. You must DIE to the flesh so the Holy Spirit can lead you to LIVE for Christ

GOD (His Character) – Submit to Him

Holy, righteous, godly, agape love, truthful, faithful, patient, kind, peace, goodness, reverent, self-control, godliness, forgiving, humility, honest, dependable, responsible, generous, wise, obedient, sacrificial, Christ-centered

SATAN (His Character) – Resist Him

Liar, thief, murderer, lust, accuser, evil, hate, anger, sexually immoral, envy, drunken, division, strife, slander, lack of self-control, pride, self-serving, unforgiving, independent, gossip, disobedient, heartless, self-centered

BOTTOM LINE

Once you know who you are in Christ, you understand why you must put away those destructive self-serving sinful behaviors in your life