

WINNING THE BATTLE

You Must Be Spiritually Broken for God to Use You: PART 3

John 14:15-17, 25-26

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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.

The Holy Spirit's job in every Christ follower is to move the needle from what you want (Flesh) to what God wants to do in & through you (Spirit).

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 4-6

4. The Holy Spirit will empower you to live for Him as an example to the world
 - The Holy Spirit fills the Christ follower at the point of salvation to reconcile you to God
 - How the Holy Spirit empowers you depends on your level of spiritual maturity
 - The Holy Spirit empowers you to be a witness for Him in the world by living a godly life
 - The Holy Spirit guides you to be like Christ by abiding in Him

5. The Holy Spirit will go before you to fight the battles you will face against Satan
 - The Holy Spirit is a real person & actively at work in you and the world around you
 - Give the Holy Spirit access to your life to fill you and ask Him to go before you as you serve Him
 - Let the Holy Spirit guide you as to when and where to go to fight spiritual battles

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
 - The Holy Spirit will lead you to confess your sin by convicting your heart.
 - Christ promises forgiveness but does not promise the Christian life will be easy. At times we will be disciplined, At times we will be tested.
 - Keep your eye on the prize - Heaven

FLESH (Resist)

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

SPIRIT (Submit)

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

BOTTOM LINE

Victory or defeat for the Christ follower depends on how much you allow the Holy Spirit to work. You cannot live the Christian life without the Holy Spirit.