

WINNING THE BATTLE

You Must Be Spiritually Broken for God to Use You

Matthew 16:23-28

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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.

Five Truths You Must Believe & Practice

As a Christ Follower...

1. You are bought with a price (the blood of Christ) so you must honor God with your body (1 Cor 6:19-20, 7:22-23)
2. You were transformed to have fellowship with Christ and walk in the light (1 John 1:6-7)
3. You are saved to live godly lives and renounce worldly passions (Titus 2:11-14)
4. God has transformed you so you will produce good works (Eph 2:10, Gal 5:22-25, 2 Peter 1:3-8)
5. The Holy Spirit works in you to mold you into the image of Christ (Rom 8:26-30)

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.

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Satan lies to Christ followers about the need to remove sin from their lives. When you continue to allow sin in your life, you cannot hear from God, you will not deal with sin in your life, and you will not submit to God's will for your life.

- Pride says, "I am Lord of my life!"
Humility says, "Jesus is Lord of my life!"

- Rebellious will says, "I have a right to live my life the way I choose to get what I want."
Humility says, "I will seek first His Kingdom & righteousness and I will have all I need."

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

God breaks your fleshly nature so He can transform you with His Spirit in you.