



**Victory in the Vine:  
Bearing the Fruit of the Spirit  
Part 4 – Sinful Nature vs Spiritual Nature**

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**1. We are all \_\_\_\_\_ to our sinful nature.**

**1 Corinthians 10:12-13 (NLT)**, “<sup>12</sup> **If you think you are standing strong, be careful not to fall.** <sup>13</sup> The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And **God is faithful.** He will not allow the temptation to be **more than you can stand.** When you are tempted, **he will show you a way out** so that you can endure.”

**John 3:18-21 (NLT)**, “<sup>19</sup> And the judgment is based on this fact: God’s light came into the world, but **people loved the darkness more than the light**, for their actions were evil. <sup>20</sup> All who do evil hate the light and **refuse to go near it for fear their sins will be exposed.** <sup>21</sup> But those who do what is right **come to the light** so others can see that they are doing what God wants.”

**Galatians 5:13 (NLT)**, “<sup>13</sup> For you have been **called to live in freedom**, my brothers and sisters. But **don’t use your freedom** to satisfy your **sinful nature.** Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love.”

**2. Life is a battle between two \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Galatians 5:17 (NIV)**, “The sinful nature wants to do evil, which is just the opposite of what the Spirit wants. And the Spirit gives us desires that are the opposite of what the sinful nature desires. **These two forces are constantly fighting each other**, so you are not free to carry out your good intentions.”

**Romans 7:14-25 (NLT)**, “<sup>18</sup> And I know that **nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature.** I want to do what is right, but I can’t. <sup>19</sup> I want to do what is good, but I don’t. **I don’t want to do what is wrong, but I do it anyway.** <sup>20</sup> But if I do what I don’t want to do, **I am not really the one doing wrong; it is sin living in me that does it.**”

**2 Corinthians 10:3-5 (NLT)**, “<sup>3</sup> We are human, but **we don’t wage war as humans do.** <sup>4</sup> We use God’s mighty weapons, not worldly weapons, to knock down the strongholds of **human reasoning** and to destroy **false**

**arguments.** <sup>5</sup> We destroy every **proud obstacle** that keeps people from **knowing God.** We capture their **rebellious thoughts** and **teach** them to **obey Christ.**”

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**3. It all comes down to \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Ephesians 4:22-24 (NLT)**, “<sup>22</sup> **Throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life**, which is corrupted by lust and deception. <sup>23</sup> Instead, let the **Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes.** <sup>24</sup> **Put on your new nature**, created to be like God – truly righteous and holy.”

**Proverbs 23:7** tells us that “As a man **thinks** in his heart, **so is he.**”

**Mark 12:30 (NLT)**, “And you must **love the Lord your God with all your heart**, all your **soul**, all your **mind**, and all your **strength.**”

**Romans 12:2 (NIV)**, “Do not **conform** to the pattern of this world, but be **transformed** by the **renewing of your mind.** Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will.”

**Colossians 3:1-10 (NLT)**, “Since you have been **raised to new life with Christ**, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God’s right hand. <sup>2</sup> **Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth.** <sup>3</sup> For **you died to this life**, and **your real life** is hidden with **Christ** in God. <sup>4</sup> And when Christ, who is your life, is revealed to the whole world, you will share in all his glory. <sup>5</sup> So **put to death the sinful, earthly things lurking within you.** Have nothing to do with sexual immorality, impurity, lust, and evil desires. Don’t be greedy, for a greedy person is an idolater, worshiping the things of this world. <sup>6</sup> Because of these sins, **the anger of God is coming.** <sup>7</sup> You used to do these things when your life was still part of this world. <sup>8</sup> But **now is the time to get rid of anger, rage, malicious behavior, slander, and dirty language.** <sup>9</sup> Don’t lie to each other, for **you have stripped off your old sinful nature and all its wicked deeds.** <sup>10</sup> **Put on your new nature**, and be **renewed** as you **learn to know your Creator** and **become** like him.”

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