

THERE IS A WAR GOING ON!

Romans 7:18-23

[18] For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. [19] For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. [20] Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. [21] I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me. [22] For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: [23] But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.

Ephesians 6:12

[12] For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places .

Matthew 12:30

[30] "This is war, and there is no neutral ground. If you're not on my side, you're the enemy; if you're not helping, you're making things worse.

Far too often people of God are trying to fight a spiritual battle with natural weapons. We "try" so hard to do what is right, only to face another failure. The enemy whispers in your ear; "What's the use, you keep messing up and falling down. You may as well just give up!"

This message today is for those who are in the middle of a battle. **DON'T GIVE UP THE FIGHT!** You may have lost a battle from time to time, but the war ain't over!

Proverbs 24:26 reminds us that "A just man falls seven times!" What makes him "JUST" is that he gets back up again. In order to fall, seven times you must get back up.

The key to success is that when you get up, you don't "start all over again". You learn from your failure and eliminate the action / activity that caused you to fall (or fail) in the first place.

You may have to change some things in your life. This could also mean you may also have to let some people go and move on with your life. It's only hard because "you are wrestling". I hear the word of God encouraging you to "Cast ALL your cares on the Lord for he cares for you! In other words "THIS BATTLE IS NOT YOURS TO FIGHT, ITS THE LORDS.

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