

13 Questions

“At War with the Flesh”

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Gal. 5:16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. 17 For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law.

James 4:1 What is causing the quarrels and fights among you? Don't they come from the evil desires at war within you? 2 You want what you don't have, so you scheme and kill to get it...NLT

James 4: 5 Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, “He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us”? 6 But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” 7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8 Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. 9 Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. 10 Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

13 Questions:

1. What is your definition of God? Do you know...the answer...can help one know that right answer
2. What is your awareness of “spiritual baggage” and how it intersects with your life in Christ?
3. What is your working definition of sin?
4. **Are you aware and do you comprehend the war with your own “flesh”?**

Understanding the Flesh:

1. The flesh is our independent spirit from Adam and Even that looks to control all our desires.
2. When salvation comes to a person, that conversion begins a battle within that new spiritual heart.

3. We blame others for our flesh winning and for the Holy Spirit losing.
4. The flesh (old nature) loves independence, resists authority and fights against humility.
5. We fail to recognize the frequency and the subtleness of the war between the Holy Spirit and the flesh (or old nature).
6. When spiritual movement toward Christ gets blocked, losing to the flesh becomes habitual and the ability to love comes to a grinding halt.

Walking with the Spirit - Battling the flesh:

- Humility, humility, humility
- Deal with our independent spirit.
- Learn the lies of the world and Satan.
- Draw near to God to hear the voice of the Spirit.
- Slow down to see your real desires and if needed step toward repentance.