



THE
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Focal Truth:

The battle with indwelling sin is real and powerful.

1. The spiritual believer learns that nothing good dwells in their flesh.

For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh; for the willing is present in me, but the doing of the good is not. For the good that I want, I do not do, but I practice the very evil that I do not want. But if I am doing the very thing I do not want, I am no longer the one doing it, but sin which dwells in me.

Rom. 7:18-20

2. The spiritual believer discovers the conflict to do good or evil.

I find then the principle that evil is present in me, the one who wants to do good. Rom. 7:21

For the good that I want, I do not do, but I practice the very evil that I do not want.

Rom. 7:19

3. The spiritual believer understands the lifelong battle of two natures.

For I joyfully concur with the law of God in the inner man, but I see a different law in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin which is in my members.

Rom. 7:22-23

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. Gal. 5:17

4. The spiritual believer is humbled in the battle to be free from sin's power.

Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from the body of this death? Rom. 7:24

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Ps. 51:3

Daily Use:

- Are you sensitive to the evil of sin that remains in your flesh?
- Do you desire to be delivered from the remains of sin that is in you?
- Jesus our Lord will set us free from sin's presence one day! Rom. 7:25, Rom. 8:23



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