



Being _____ causes a lack of power.

Scripture: Romans 7:15-24 and Galatians 5:16-18

- A. We have a built in _____ which causes us to malfunction.
- B. God's _____ provides you and me with a choice.
- C. We have to make a _____ on who will power our lives?

To experience the life Jesus died on the cross for, we need to _____ by _____ and be _____ by the Holy Spirit. (God's Presence)

Practical:

- 1. We don't have to _____ the connection. ● Galatians 3:1-5
- 2. Create _____ to connect to God's Spirit. ● Romans 12:11

- 3. Not listening _____ the connection. ● Acts 28:27

Challenge:

Will you use spiritual practices to create the space needed for the Holy Spirit to work in your life? (Pick 2)

Romans 7:15-24 (The Message)

What I don't understand about myself is that I decide one way, but then I act another, doing things I absolutely despise. So if I can't be trusted to figure out what is best for myself and then do it, it becomes obvious that God's command is necessary.

17-20But I need something more! For if I know the law but still can't keep it, and if the power of sin within me keeps sabotaging my best intentions, I obviously need help! I realize that I don't have what it takes. I can will it, but I can't do it. I decide to do good, but I don't really do it; I decide not to do bad, but then I do it anyway. My decisions, such as they are, don't result in actions. Something has gone wrong deep within me and gets the better of me every time.

21-23It happens so regularly that it's predictable. The moment I decide to do good, sin is there to trip me up. I truly delight in God's commands, but it's pretty obvious that not all of me joins in that delight. Parts of me covertly rebel, and just when I least expect it, they take charge.

24I've tried everything and nothing helps. I'm at the end of my rope. Is there no one who can do anything for me? Isn't that the real question?

Galatians 5:16-18 (NIV)

16So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. 17For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want. 18But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under law.

The role of God's Spirit

GIVES

- Power ● Ephesians 3:16
- Hope ● Romans 15:13
- Love ● Romans 5:5
- Reminds ● John 14:26
- Counsel ● John 14:16

GUIDES

- Teaches ● John 14:26
- Truth ● John 16:13
- Spiritual Matters ● 1st Corinthians 2:11-13
- Changed for God's use (Sanctified) ● Romans 15:16

GUARDS

- Hearts ● 2nd Timothy 1:14