

“Our Greatest Battle”

Mankind is made up of three areas:

Body – our Physical wellbeing

Soul – our Mental wellbeing

Spirit – our Spiritual wellbeing

Many people will focus on their Physical and Mental wellbeing which is temporary, and not give any thought to their Spiritual wellbeing, which is eternal.

So He humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna which you did not know nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the LORD. – Deuteronomy 8:3 (NKJV)

And God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” And He said, “Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’” – Exodus 3:14 (NKJV)

Eating of His flesh and drinking of His blood is a picture of abiding in Him. When we eat physical food, we take it in internally; it becomes a part of us. Eating of His flesh and drinking of His blood is a picture of us being totally consumed by Him!

Three Steps to succeed in Spiritual Battle

1. In order to succeed in battle, we must give up control! We must surrender to Him and give Him control of our life!

2. We must Crucify the flesh!

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. – Galatians 2:20 (NKJV)

Then He said to them all, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. – Luke 9:23 (NKJV)

“I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.” – John 15:5 (NKJV)

Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. – Romans 12:1 (NIV)

When we sacrifice our flesh, then we can truly live. The problem with a being a living sacrifice is that when we lay our self down, the alter that we lay ourselves on isn't equipped with restraints. When we lay ourselves down on the alter we can get right back up and retake control. This is why we must crucify our flesh daily. Some days we may have to do this more than once!

3. We must walk in the Spirit!

I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish...If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. – Galatians 5:16-17, 25 (NKJV)

It takes work to be successful in Spiritual Battle! Many times we as Christians live our lives on auto-pilot walking in the flesh, though we try to do the right thing, and live in a right way, we fail to take the time to crucify our flesh and walk according to the Spirit.

And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. – Galatians 6:9 (NKJV)

Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ; - Philippians 1:6 (NKJV)

But I count my life of no value to myself, so that I may finish my course and the ministry I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of God's grace. – Acts 20:24 (HCSB)