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CONQUERING A WAR WITHIN

THE GOOD IN ME IS HINDERED BY THE BAD IN ME.

“ . . .when I would do good, evil is present with me.” *Romans 7:21*

“For I delight in the law of God. . .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.” *Romans 7:22-23*

“ . . .So then, with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.” *Romans 7:25*

WHY IS THERE A WAR WITHIN?

One man brought the sinful nature to all people: Adam (and Eve).

“ . . .and he (Adam) did eat (of forbidden fruit).” *Genesis 3:6*

“Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men (people), for that all have sinned.”

Romans 5:12

THE SIN NATURE HAS A NAME, AN IDENTITY: CARNALITY.

“For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.” *Romans 8:6*

WHAT IS IT/WHAT DOES IT DO?

Carnality is:

An enemy of God.

It resists authority, especially God.

“Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.” *Romans 8:7*

WHERE DOES CARNALITY ORIGINATE?

From satan, God’s enemy, who tricked Adam and Eve...and can trick you.

“And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die..ye shall be as gods...” *Genesis 3:4-5*

This is a direct lie against God’s command.

“But the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shall surely die.” *Genesis 2:17*

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SIN AND SINS?

- SINS are acts of wrong committed against God and others.
- Sins must be FORGIVEN by God through the power of Christ's name and blood.

“ . . . your sins are forgiven you for his (Christ's) name's sake.” *1 John 2:12*

“He that committeth (a) sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. . . the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.” *1 John 3:8*

- SIN is the NATURE which wars against righteousness.
- Sin nature must be CLEANSED from your spirit by faith in the power of Christ's name and blood.

“Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.” *Romans 6:12*

“But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.” *Romans 6:22*

HOW CAN CARNALITY BE CONQUERED?

It must be DESTROYED. . . with a will to conquer it through Christ.

“Knowing this, that our old man (carnality from Adam) is crucified (killed) with Him (Christ), that the BODY OF SIN might be DESTROYED, that henceforth we should not serve sin.” *Romans 6:6*

1. ASK GOD TO BIND CARNALITY, for it is a satanic power.

“ . . . Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth (satan) shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth (Holy Spirit) shall be loosed in heaven.” *Matthew 18:18*

2. ASK GOD TO DELIVER YOU (set free), for only He can do so.

“Who (God) has delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son.” *Colossians 1:13*

EXAMPLE: O God, bind all carnal presence and power within me, and deliver me speedily. Fill me with the Holy Spirit in cleansing power. In Jesus' name, I thank You.

God binds (restricts) carnality with each prayer. After hours or days or weeks of daily fervent prayer, the power of carnality is so weakened that it can no longer resist. People vary in time needed for victory.

Carnality is like a leech worm, clinging to the spirit of a person, to drain away his/her spiritual power for truth and righteousness. Christ is the CONQUEROR. Through Him you can live a productive life and CONQUER THE WAR WITHIN.