

Galatians 5:16-26

Hello Everyone!

I am glad I have the privilege of sharing God's Word with you, especially these verses, which always resonate with me.

Do you remember the old cliché about the angel on one shoulder, encouraging us to make good choices; while a demon on the other shoulder, enticing us to make poor choices? Well, in Galatians 5:16-26. Paul is talking about this exact situation. When he writes that the "desires of the flesh are against the desires of the Spirit," he is those conflicting voices of our angel (aka the Spirit) and demon (our Flesh): so, which direction will I take; whose advice will I follow?

And, which way next time?

Day in, day out these spiritual battles continue.

I'm not sure about you, but I find it very troubling that, having been a Christian for as long as I have, I can't really report any progress in dealing with these constant clashes between what my flesh craves and what the Spirit teaches. Rather, much to my chagrin, I end up like Paul describes himself in Romans 7:15-25 – doing exactly what I really don't want to do.

And, like Paul, while I may groan about existing in this body of sin, I can rejoice in my actual deliverance from this state of corruption. (193)

Love you guys!

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