

WINNING THE WAR
"You Can Do It" - Part 3 of 9
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ROMANS 7:15-25 (LB)
THE COST OF THE BATTLE

1. _____
"I don't understand myself at all, for I really want to do what is right, but I can't. I do what I don't want to – what I hate." **Vs. 15**
2. _____ **AND** _____
"I know perfectly well that what I am doing is wrong, and my bad conscience proves that I agree with these laws I am breaking." **Vs. 16**
3. _____ **AND** _____
"But I can't help myself because I'm no longer doing it. It is sin inside me that is stronger than I am, that makes me do these evil things." **Vs. 17**
4. _____ - _____
"I know I am rotten (inside) as far as my old sinful nature is concerned."
Vs. 18a
5. _____
"No matter which way I turn I can't make myself do right. I want to but I can't! When I want to do good, I don't; and when I try not to do wrong, I do it anyway! Now if I am doing what I don't want to, it is plain where the trouble is: sin still has me in its evil grasp." **Vs. 18b-20**
6. _____ **AND** _____
"It seems to be a fact of life that when I want to do what is right, I inevitably do what is wrong...In my mind I want to be God's willing servant, but instead I find myself still enslaved to sin." **Vs. 21 & 23b**

THE CAUSE: I HAVE TWO _____!

"I love to do God's will so far as my new nature is concerned; but there is something else deep within me, in my lower nature, that is at war with my mind and wins the fight and makes me a slave to the sin that is still within me."

Vs. 22 & 23

"So you see how it is: my new life tells me to do right, but the old nature that is still inside me loves to sin. Oh, what a terrible predicament I'm in!"

Vs. 24 & 25a

GOD'S BATTLE PLAN FOR MY VICTORY

1. I must deepen my _____ of Christ.

*"Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin and death? Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord!" **Romans 7:24b-25 (NLT)***

*"Do not let sin control the way you live; do not give in to sinful desires...Instead, give yourselves completely to God for you were dead, but now you have new life." **Romans 6:12-13 (NLT)***

*"For the new spiritual principle of life in Jesus Christ lifts me out of the old vicious circle of sin and death." **Romans 8:2 (Ph)***

2. I must _____ and _____ the lie I'm believing.

*"If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us." **1 John 1:8 (NIV)***

- Behind every self-defeating act is a _____ I have believed.
- To stop defeating myself, I must stop _____ myself.

*"Then you will know the truth, the truth will set you free." **John 8:32 (NIV)***

3. I must declare my struggle to _____.

*"Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so God can heal you. When a believing person prays, great things happen." **James 5:16 (NCV)***

*"So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves." **Galatians 5:16 (NLT)***