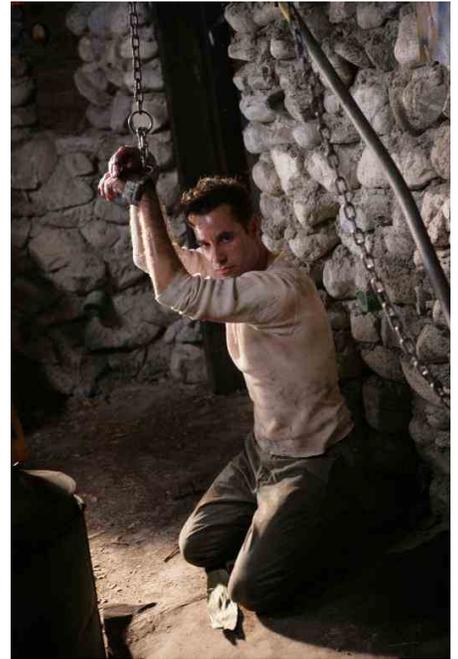


*"So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin. There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death." **Romans 7:25; 8:1-2 KJV***

If you don't think that your body is your enemy, try driving right on by your favorite burger and french-fry joint when you have the "munchies" or not speaking that witty comeback that just pops into your head. "Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?" Sin shackles you at every opportunity. If you are born again of the Holy Spirit of God, then you have an incessant conflict taking place between the "new creature" you have become in spirit, and the carnal body into which you were born, between the liberty of the Spirit and the bondage of the flesh. The control will vacillate toward the one you obey the most. The Word of God is the "meat" your spirit needs to remain in control. Without its supply, your flesh will be in control. Satan has the world is awash in a glut of lust indulging



bible. It can only be cleansed by the constant washing of the Water of the Word. Believers' task is to "keep under [our] body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when [we] have preached to others, [we] should be a castaway." We have an obligation to our Saviour. "Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men." Just as God required a human form to die for our sins, we require a human form to "preach the Gospel to every creature, [because] the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." We can't preach to lost men from heaven. If we let sin rule, we separate ourselves from the power of the Holy Spirit. Sometimes, God rescues His weaker children by bringing them Home to Heaven. Some saints are rewarded with early retirement. Some things are known only to God. Disobedience is severely punished in boot camp to train soldiers to become obedient. Obedience is not a "natural" response. We are "naturally" rebellious. Daily training keeps our spirit strong in the faith against the enemy that surrounds us. "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage." The "hill" was taken at Golgotha, and we need only withstand the enemy around us from our victorious position in Christ! "We are more than conquerors through Him that loved us." The Cavalry will arrive riding His white horse to destroy sin and death, forever! The war is over! We have already won through Christ! Peace is on the way! Stand steadfast until we receive our final order to return Home!

If we let lust control our head,
The law of sin will rule instead,
The law of Christ must take its place,
Until, at last, we see His face. ~CGP

Carry plenty of ammo and rations, comply with every command, immediately, and don't supply the enemy!

*"But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof."
Romans 13:14 KJV*