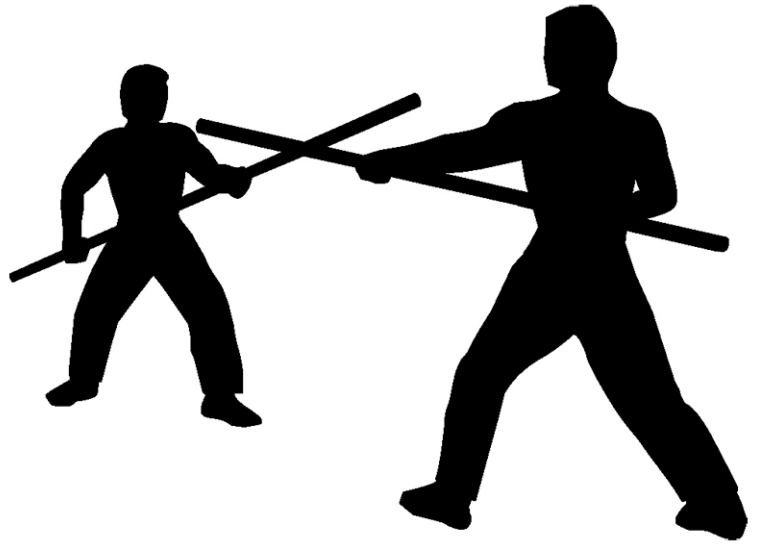


*“This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust (desires) of the flesh (body). For **The Flesh Lusteth Against The Spirit**, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.” Galatians 5:16-17no2 KJV*



The flesh, that is to say, your body, is not spiritual, but is subject to the mind or thoughts of the soul. The Apostle writes, *“The natural man (body) 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. I see another law in my members (body), warring against the law of my mind (conscience), and bringing me into captivity to the*

law of sin which is in my members (body). O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the BODY OF THIS DEATH? I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the Law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin. Let this Mind (God’s Word) be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus. I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your BODIES a Living Sacrifice, Holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the RENEWING OF YOUR MIND (thoughts/conscience), that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and Perfect, Will of God.” Your soul is your unique immortal self; housed in a natural temporal body, born with a dead spirit; that is, a spirit separated from Christ who is our Life. *“Jesus answered and said unto [Nicodemus], ‘Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be BORN AGAIN, he cannot see the Kingdom of God.’ Nicodemus saith unto Him, ‘How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother’s womb, and be born?’ Jesus answered, ‘Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be BORN AGAIN.”* To be *“born again”* is to believe God’s Word in your soul through faith, return to the obedience lost in Eden, and thus be reunited with your Creator. If you are born of God, *“God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him MUST worship Him in spirit and in Truth.”* It is our union with the *“Spirit of Truth”* through faith believing in AND obeying His Word which transforms our soul and renews our mind/thoughts. *“As he THINKETH in his heart, so is he.”* And lest you think obedience earns you salvation; *“Not by works of righteousness (obedience) which we have done, but according to His Mercy He saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; Which He shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; That being justified by His Grace, we should be made heirs according to the Hope of Eternal Life. For by Grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the GIFT of God. Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God.”* God’s Word is *“the Way, the Truth, AND the Life”* for our soul!

The fight for our life begins in our mind,
Its thoughts will decide our actions in kind,
Obeying God’s Word through faith in our soul,
Saves from damnation and makes us whole. –CGP

As Paul taught us, we are in a battle of thoughts and ideas. Satan cannot read your mind, but he can sure put thoughts into your mind using your body, your family, friends, media, and etc. Faith must diligently patrol the gates of your soul with the Watchman of the *“Spirit of Truth”* on the wall or you will be overrun with evil!

“Howbeit when He, the Spirit of Truth, is come, He will guide you into ALL Truth.” John 16:13a KJV