

The Battle for our Soul

The soul is central control. It receives input from both the spirit and the body. In a lot of ways we are like a computer. Garbage in; garbage out. God's word in; God's word out. The soul processes the spiritual and physical inputs and determines our response to these inputs.

Spirit	Soul	Body
New Birth	Mind	See
Communicates with God	Emotions	Smell
Power of God comes through our Spirit	Conscience	Taste
	Personality	Hear
	Will	Feel

2 Corinthians 4:16

Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.

2 Corinthians 4:18

So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

What we see is the physical dimension, the body. We all know it is temporary. What we do not see is the soul and the spirit. These two invisible dimensions are eternal. We will receive a glorified eternal body in exchange for our present body in the future. Until then, we live the truth of 2 Corinthians 4:16.

Psalm 119:11

I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

The heart in this scripture is our soul. We must use God's word to determine what inputs from our spirit and body we accept or reject. The inputs that conflict with God's word tempt us to sin and must be rejected.

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Luke 4:1-4

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.

The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.”

Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone.’”

(Jesus answered the temptation with scripture Deuteronomy 8:3.)

Luke 4:5-8

The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And he said to him, “I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. If you worship me, it will all be yours.”

Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.’”

(Jesus answered with scripture Deuteronomy 6:13.)

Luke 4:9-12

The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down from here. For it is written:

“He will command his angels concerning you
to guard you carefully;
they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.”

(The Devil tempted with scripture from Psalm 91:11,12.)

Jesus answered, “It is said: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

(Jesus answered with scripture Deuteronomy 6:16)

To live an abundant christian life we must know the truth of scripture to reject the lie that leads to temptation.

John 16:13

But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.