

“We Made A Decision...”

3rd Step - Lesson 13

Galatians 6:7- 8 – Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.

Galatians 5:16-25 – So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under law.

The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

Titus 2:11-12 – For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age...

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- Addictions and other compulsions rob you of the ability to make real decisions. How have you seen that happen?
- The Holy Spirit puts this truth into your mind and heart: “You have God’s love no matter what you decide to do. The blood of Jesus covers your guilt no matter what you choose to do.” Have you seen God’s promise of grace actually empower you to make better choices?
- Sometimes Christians sucker into the lie that says, “I’m just a poor miserable sinner; Satan is too strong for me; I can’t help it.” Have you seen that way of thinking show up?
- What has helped you to say “no” to your sinful nature and make new choices?