

Led by the Holy Spirit
Romans 7:14-8:14

The _____ - Sarx - means an inward principle sinful humanness. Old man.

The weakness of the flesh is that it sees sins – (plural) but not sin – the key problem. It tries to fix the flesh by dumb rules and foolish effort instead of being led by the Spirit.

There are 47 personal _____ in chapter 7.

I. Led by the _____ – 7:14-25

Prasso

- implies doing something with a goal in mind.

Poieo

- simply describes doing without thinking. “A stupid attack.”

Katēgázomai

- Completing the task

Theleso

- A strong passion and desire

1. I am _____.

- 15 For what I am **doing**, I do not understand; for I am not **practicing** what I would **like** to do, but I am **doing** the very thing I hate.
- 16 But if I **do** the very thing I do not **want** to do, I agree with the Law, confessing that the Law is good.
- 17 So now, no longer am I the one **doing** it, but sin which dwells in me.

2. I am a _____

- 18 For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh; for the **willing** is present in me, but the **doing** of the good is not.
- 19 For the good that I **want**, I do not **do**, but I **practice** the very evil that I do not **want**.
- 20 But if I am **doing** the very thing I **do not want**, I am no longer the one **doing** it, but sin which dwells in me.

3. I am a _____

21 I find then the principle that evil is present in me, the one who wants to do good.

22 For I joyfully concur with the law of God in the inner man,

23 but I see a different law in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin which is in my members.

The indwelling principle of sin is constantly mounting a military campaign against the new nature, trying to gain victory and _____.

Trying to live the Christian life in the flesh makes you miserable because it grieves your spirit and aggravates the old man?

So, where is the help?

The indwelling Holy Spirit that you were baptized into at the moment of salvation. He will rescue your new nature and give you what you cannot give yourself.

II. Led by the _____ . Romans 8:1–11

1. There is no _____ 1,2

God's acceptance is unconditional and depends completely on Him.
God's approval is conditional and depends upon our yieldedness.

Satan condemns to enslave, the Holy Spirit convicts to bring freedom

Principle #1 – To be led by the Spirit means to live free of the fear of rejection.

2. There is no _____ – 3,4

Principle #2 – To be led by the Spirit means we are faithful in our daily Quiet Time.

3. There is no selfishness - 5

Principle #3 – To be led by the Spirit means to live for God and others.

4. There is no _____

Principle #4 – To be led by the Spirit means you live with inner peace. – 6-8

5. There is no hopelessness - 9

Principle #5 – To be led by the Spirit means we live with _____.

6. There is no _____ - 10

Principle #6 – To be led by the Spirit means we believe we are righteous in Him.

7. There is no lack of _____ - 11

Principle #7 – To be led by the Spirit means, “I can” (Phil. 4:13)

8. There is no obligation – 12,13

Principle #8 – To be led by the Spirit means _____.

9. There is no other _____ - 14

Principle #9 – To be led by the Spirit means when are God's.

Application.

“May I paraphrase the last part of verse 25 in order to make it plain?

*The apostle says, “With the new mind I serve the law of God, but with the fleshly mind I serve the law of sin.” Now this is the principle that Paul is laying down for us: Every child of God, in the area of the mind, would have to be classified as carnal; that is, he has the old capacity which can manifest itself in sin, lawlessness, ignorance, corruption, defilement, and death. He experiences a constant battle in the area of mind—the new against the old, the old against the new. Never will the old mind and the new mind agree on anything in the believer's life. There is never a time when these two capacities agree on any thought, on any word, on any action in your life. Constant, incessant, unrelenting warfare goes on in the area of your mind.” J. Dwight Pentecost, *Designed to Be Like Him**

Led by the Flesh leads to frustration, failure and fakeness.

Led by the Spirit leads to acceptance, focus, purpose, peace, hope, rightness, power and passion.

How do we allow him to lead?

1. Recognize the battle is real and daily.
2. Being led by the spirit means I need to give up control.
3. The Holy Spirit leads primarily through His Word. If you are not in the Word, you are not being led.
4. What area of your life are you living in that you are not allowing the Holy Spirit to lead? (Check the 9 characteristics of the Spirit led life – is one missing?...find out why...)

Verses used are from the NASB.