

Released to Live by the Spirit

**Romans 7:6 “But now, by dying to what once bound us, we have been released from the law so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit, and not in the old way of the written code.”**

There’s two ways to stir passion in any individual: Tell them that they can do it, or tell them that they can’t. I see a heap of “don’ts” and “do’s” in the Bible. They are all good “don’ts” and “do’s”, but the problem is my flesh wants to do every “don’t” and doesn’t want to do the “do’s”. This battle is normal (Galatians 5), and we all go through it until we physically die.

So how do we win?

First, is that we don’t win, the battle is won for us; we have to be completely dependent on a champion to have true victory. This person has to keep the whole law, never once doing any “don’ts” from God. But also has to do everything that God wants them to do every single second of their life.

I know a lot of Christians say they live by grace, but still look to their ability to keep the law to save them (I used to be one). But the truth is that if you choose to be made right by God because of your actions, you have to keep the whole law in its entirety. James 2:10 says, “For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it.”

So the answer is, you need a champion, and it’s not you. It’s Jesus, and once you accept that fact, the next key to winning this battle is finding out what you are free to do in Christ, empowered by the Spirit, walking by faith. You are now free from all guilt, shame, and worldly fear to pursue a relationship with Father God.