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As a triune (three-in-one) being, I must remember that there is a part of me that is all filthy and wicked. My flesh only exists to please itself. I must be careful not to follow fleshly impulses because they will only lead me to sin and selfishness. There is a way to do right, despite the wickedness of my flesh—“to will.” Within my being (soul) is the “will” to choose what is right. I am empowered by my regenerated spirit (at salvation) to do what pleases God. Doing right is a matter of exercising my God-given will. No one is made to do anything. The CHOICE is ours.

The Bible talks about walking in the flesh vs. walking in the Spirit. We must determine to die to self—which means to crucify the flesh or kill it. We must with the Spirit’s help disable the power and authority of the flesh in our life. We must be people that yield to the Spirit constantly that God might have His way with our lives. He desires to lead us and give us the victory over sin. He wants to use us to make a difference in the lives of others. This is only possible through the Spirit’s work in our lives. So each day die to self and yield to the Spirit! Victory over sin and glorification of Christ is dependent upon it.

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