

5) Psalm 119:3

“They also do no iniquity: they walk in his ways.”

Walking in the way of the Lord in the flesh is impossible. “Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” Yet, the disciple who surrenders their lives to God by seeking Him with their whole heart is truly a victorious Christian in every way. Jesus told his early disciples, Because of the frailty of their flesh, to watch and to pray. This practice of seeking the Lord with the whole heart, in silence and in prayer, and even resisting the body’s natural desire to sleep in order to devote one’s self to the protective arm of the Lord to receive eternal strength, sustenance and real stability is wisdom and safety. This is the real way (the way of the Lord); this is how we walk in His ways, by following the power of the Spirit of God and not the feebleness of the flesh, the deliverance of sin and the benefit of walking in his ways and doing no iniquity. Spiritual victory is gained by saying no to the spoiled mindset of the flesh and saying yes to the longing of the spirit’s craving for righteous fellowship with the Lord.

If the disciple is ruled by the flesh, the disciple will by no means understand the necessity of such spiritual longings and will excuse away such discipline as unnecessary. Sadly, this is a trick of the devil, and sadly many will not understand the ways of the Lord. They will struggle with personal acts of perverseness, unrighteousness, wickedness; because they have not picked up their own cross to follow the Lord.

¹⁴For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin. ¹⁵For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I... ¹⁸For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: ... ²²For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: ²³But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. ²⁴O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? ²⁵I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin. ¹There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. ²For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. Romans 7:14-8:1 KJV

We fight a battle of the will (the mind) and the flesh. And the flesh has a tendency to overcome ‘the law of’ our minds most of the time. But, by no means is this an excuse to live our lives ruled by the flesh and its base desires. For we have gained victory, our victory is not by our might (or mental strength), but by the victory of Christ which has granted us ‘the Spirit of life’ which has ‘made me free from the law of sin and death.’

It is not by our might and strength. It is not by what we know; whither it is right or wrong. It is by faithful trust in Him for deliverance, and faithfully turning to him consistently in prayer with adoration, seeking His will, knowing his word and loving Him dearly.