

Why is the Christian Life so Difficult?

Galatians 5:17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

I. KNOW WHO YOU ARE. Romans 7:14-25

Romans 7:14 For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin.

15 For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I.

16 If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good.

17 Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.

18 For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not.

19 For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do.

20 Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.

21 I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me.

22 For I delight in the law of God after the inward man:

23 But 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.

24 O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?

25 I 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.

“We have met the enemy and it is us.” *Walt Kelly*

We are not talking about what are **positionally** but **practically**.

II. KNOW WHERE YOU LIVE.

1John 5:19 And we know that we are of God, and the **whole world** lieth in wickedness.

In The World:

- ✓ Cars **cease** to be transportation.
- ✓ Houses **cease** to be shelter.
- ✓ Clothes **cease** to be coverings.
- ✓ Shoes **cease** to be protection for the feet.
- ✓ Money **ceases** to be for necessities and the help of others.
- ✓ Leisure time **ceases** to be for refreshing,
- ✓ Food **ceases** to be for life.
- ✓ Marriage **ceases** to be a life commitment but more like temporary dating.
- ✓ Children **cease** to be gifts to parents but property of the government.
- ✓ Public education **ceases** to teach the truth but becomes indoctrination of worldly philosophies.

III. KNOW YOUR ENEMY.

1 Peter 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because **your** adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

Ephesians 4:27 Neither give **place** [opportunity, power, occasion for acting] to the devil.