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| **1** | **The Battle Between Flesh and Spirit**  **Galatians Chapters 5 & 6** |
| **2** | **The Battle Within…**   * **Jesus set us free from sin and death but that doesn’t entitle us to do whatever we want.** (Galatians 5:13) * **We must *“walk by the Spirit”* and not by our flesh** (Galatians 5:16) **- they are *“against”* and in *“opposition”* to each other.** (Galatians 5:17) * The **revelation of the Spirit leads us** in a different direction and path **than our fleshly desires and we are not free to “do the things that you please.”** |
| **3** | **The Spirit Is Willing…**  **But the flesh is weak. (Mark 14:38)**   * Spoken by Jesus in the garden after He asked them to ***“keep watch”*** and then found them ***“sleeping”***. He acknowledged that **they were willing** but that they yielded to their fleshly desires. Just wanting to do what’s right isn’t enough! * When He returned to pray, He added, ***“Keep watching and praying*** *that you may* ***not come into temptation****.”* |
| **4** | **Why Keep Watching & Praying?**  **We must believe that we can resist!** (Ephesians 6:13; James 4:7; 1 Peter 5:9)   * **The temptations may be strong, but God’s help is stronger.** (1 John 4:4; Romans 8:31; Hebrews 2:14-18; 4:14-16) * **We must make up our minds and be resolute in our resolve!** (Daniel 1:8; Acts 11:23) |
| **5** | **Why Keep Watching & Praying?**  **We must believe we can choose** (Romans 6:11-18) **and daily, learn to say “No!”** **to our fleshly lusts**. (Luke 9:23; Titus 2:11-14; Matthew 16:23-25)   * **Keep putting the things of the flesh to death… NOW!** (Colossians 3:5-10) |
| **6** | **Why Keep Watching & Praying?**  We must **change the whole way (our “mind set”) we think**. (Romans 8:5-10;  1 Corinthians 2:14-3:3; Colossians 3:1-2)   * **A spiritual, eternal perspective changes everything. Seeing the “unseen”.**  (2 Corinthians 4:16-5:10) * **Includes a “sojourners mentality”.** (1 Peter 1:1; 2:11-12; Hebrews 11:13-16) |
| **7** | **Why Keep Watching & Praying?**  We must **learn to spurn immediate gratification** for long-term rewards. (Hebrews 11:24-26; 2 Corinthians 4:16-18)   * **Learn the lesson of Esau. Don’t despise the long-term reward for short term satisfaction.** (Hebrews 12:15-17) |
| **8** | **Why Keep Watching & Praying?**  We must look beyond ourselves and **trust the power of God’s word** to **perform its’ work in ourselves and others** (1 Thessalonians 2:13).   * **Do we trust the power and completeness of God’s word?** (Isaiah 55:10-11; Romans 1:16;  2 Timothy 3:16-17)   + Let us not engage is “**bait and switch**” tactics and seek to **draw people to the spiritual by appealing to the flesh**. (John 6) |
| **9** | **Why Keep Watching & Praying?**  **We must sow to the Spirit and not the flesh and pursue the time in God’s word, prayer and worship as we flee from the lusts of the flesh.** (Galatians 6:7-8)   * **Sowing either to the flesh or Spirit is a matter of how we spend our time**. (Ephesians 5:15-17) |
| **10** | **Winning The Battle**  **Keys to success in Galatians 5 & 6:**   * **It all starts by being “in Christ” and “clothed with Christ” through faith and baptism into Christ**. (3:25-29) Then… * ***“Walk by the Spirit”*** each day (5:16)**.** * **Please God and not ourselves**. (5:17) * **Focus on “inheriting the kingdom”.** (5:21) * **Bear more and more fruit**. (5:22-23) * **Focus on our brethren and ourselves.** (6:1-6) * **Abound in the work of the Lord.** (6:6-8) * **Stay renewed each day.** (6:9-10) |