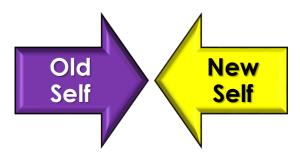


PART 2: BY PUTTING ON YOUR NEW SELF

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"You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to <u>put off your old self</u>, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the <u>new self</u>, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness." (Eph. 4:22-24 NIV)

THE OLD SELF1	THE NEW SELF
Lives for (Gal. 5:19-21)	Lives for (Phil. 1:21)
to sin (Rom. 6:6)	to sin (Rom. 6:6)
please God (Rom. 8:8)	please God (2 Cor. 5:9)
Produces of the Spirit (John 15:4)	Produces (Gal. 5:22-23; Col. 1:10)

A. QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. How does the Apostle Paul describe this relationship between his old self and his new self (Romans 7:15-20)? Can you identify with him?

"I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not

¹ Also called the flesh (Gal. 5:19), the outward man (2 Cor. 4:16 NKJ), the old man (Eph. 4:22 NKJ), and the old nature (Rom. 7:5 NLT).

want to do-- this I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it." (Rom. 7:15-20 NIV)

2. Are Christians to gain victory over the old self through sheer self-determination and will power? See John 15:4-5. If not, how do Christians gain victory?

"Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." (Jn. 15:4-5 NIV)

3. How can Christians can gain victory over the old sinful self? See Galatians 5:24-25

"Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit." (Gal. 5:24-25 NIV)

4. Who ultimately gives you victory over your old self? See 1 Corinthians 15:57

"But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Cor. 15:57 NIV)

B. HOW TO PUT ON YOUR NEW SELF

1.	. Keep the Holy Spirit in	
	"But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law." (Gal. 5:18 NIV)	
2.	e minded.	
	"Don't you realize that all of you together are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God lives in you?" (1 Cor. 3:16 NLT)	
3.	eep your	
	"Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. (Eph. 6:17 NIV)	

C. APPLICATION

- 1. What things in my daily life tend to feed my old nature?
- 2. What things in my daily life tend to feed my new nature?