

nature by being in fellowship and applying God's Word to your very own unique set of circumstances. We get back in fellowship with God by rebounding. So this battle rages between the flesh, our old sin nature and the Spirit. Your soul is a battleground. The battle in your soul is related to whether you will live for self in the old sin nature or live for God in the new nature.

Paul relates this battle in his own life as a believer. **Rom 7:14-25, "For we know that the Law is spiritual, but I am of flesh, sold into bondage to sin. For what I am doing, I do not understand; for I am not practicing what I {would} like to {do} but I am doing the very thing I hate. But if I do the very thing I do not want {to do} I agree with the Law, {confessing} that the Law is good. So now, no longer am I the one doing it, but sin, which dwells in me. For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh; for the willing is present in me, but the doing of the good {is} not. For the good that I want, I do not do, but I practice the very evil that I do not want. But if I am doing the very thing I do not want, I am no longer the one doing it, but sin which dwells in me. I find then the principle that evil is present in me, the one who wants to do good. For I joyfully concur with the law of God in the inner man, but I see a different law in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin which is in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from the body of this death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, on the one hand I myself with my mind am serving the law of God, but on the other, with my flesh the law of sin."**

When we are in fellowship and applying God's Word, the Spirit is at work in our lives producing Christ-like character. But the old Adamic nature wars against the Spirit. **Gal 5:17, "For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you**