



THIS IS HOW I WIN MY BATTLE - Part 4

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I Thessalonians 5:23 - ²³ And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We have been looking into the threefold divine design of mankind. We shared the reason God made mankind a tripartite being - spirit, soul, and body, was to enable him and her to be a representative of heaven in the earth realm. With our spirit we are able to communicate and commune with God. Our spirit allows God to express to us what He desires done in the earth so that earth can resemble heaven. Our bodies give us legal right to function in the earth realm. Once your body ceases to function, you (spirit and soul) must leave this earth realm. Your soul serves as the link between your spirit and body. The soul, as we will see, is the means by which your spirit expresses the will of God in the earth realm.

In our last session, we discussed the composition of our spirit man. We said that the spirit enables us to have **perception**, which is high spiritual awareness. Perception enables our spirit to understand the things of God. The next portion of the spirit we began to share about is **conviction**. Conviction means that we have the ability to be convicted of the truth by the Holy Spirit. Conviction for a believer is the capacity to hear God warning when we begin to do something wrong. Conviction is aided by a scripturally taught conscience, which makes it easier for our spirits to hear what the Spirit of God is saying. A scripturally taught conscience will establish the proper values needed to make right choices in life.

Being convicted of the truth can bring about a challenge and a change in our life. **John 8:31-32 AMP** - ³¹ So Jesus said to those Jews who had **believed in Him**, If you abide in My word [hold fast to My teachings and live in accordance with them], you are truly My disciples. ³² And you will know the Truth, and the Truth will set you free. **(The Jews believed in Him but Jesus was about to broaden their understanding and let them know that simply believing was not enough.)** **James 2:14-26** teaches that just believing is not enough, but that we must have corresponding actions. In other words, we just can't talk the talk, but we must walk the walk. **James 2:19 MES - Do I hear you professing to believe in the one and only God, but then observe you complacently sitting back as if you had done something wonderful? That's just great. Demons do that, but what good does it do them?**

In the Amplified Version, the word Truth has the "t" capitalized, signifying it is a proper noun which denotes a name used for a specific person, place, company, or other thing. So, when it says we will know the Truth and the Truth will set you free, it is referencing none other than Jesus Christ. Jesus said in **John 14:6** - "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." So as we develop our

relationship with Jesus and learn what He taught, we begin to be convicted of the life we should live in conjunction with Him and the Word of God. This causes us to be disciples (learned ones) indeed.

So, let's get back to conviction - when the Holy Spirit convicts us, He will always bring us to a relationship with Jesus and to a deeper understanding of His Word. The Holy Spirit never convicts us to bring us into condemnation. **John 8:1-11** - Jesus went unto the **mount of Olives**. ² And early in the morning he came again into the temple, and all the people came unto him; and he sat down, and **taught them (Jesus did more teaching than preaching, but he did both)**. ³ And the scribes and Pharisees brought unto him a woman taken in adultery; and when they had set her in the midst, ⁴ They say unto him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery (**Leviticus 20:10 10 – “If a man commits adultery with another man's wife-with the wife of his neighbor” - both the adulterer and the adulteress are to be put to death.**), in the very act. ⁵ Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned: but what sayest thou? ⁶ This they said, tempting him, that they might have to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground, as though he heard them not. **(Whenever you're confronted by people who mean your demise, or with a tough decision, don't say anything, don't do anything, until you hear something from the Lord. How many times have we made decisions or taken action that was detrimental to our lives because we didn't wait on the Lord? Psalm 46:10 - “Be still, and know that I am God; Know that when it seems like the situation is spinning out of control that all you have to do is put your faith and trust in God to regain control of the situation.)** ⁷ So when they **continued asking him**, he lifted up himself, and said unto them **(notice Jesus didn't get up until it was time to speak up)**, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her. ⁸ And again he stooped down, and wrote on the ground. ⁹ And they which heard it, **being convicted by their own conscience**, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst. ¹⁰ When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath **no man condemned (to judge worthy of punishment) thee?** ¹¹ She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go **(go your way)**, and **(but)** sin **(miss the mark)** no more **(this was spoken in the present imperative - express an order)**.

Romans 8:1 - There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. Condemnation is a work of the flesh that brings people into bondage. The Greek word used for convict in the Bible means to bring to light or to expose. In **John 16:6-11 - AMP** - ⁶ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts [taken complete possession of them]. ⁷ However, I am telling you nothing but the truth when I say it is profitable (good, expedient, advantageous) for you that I go away. Because if I do not go away, the Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Advocate, Intercessor, Strengthener, Standby) will not come to you [into close fellowship with you]; but if I go away, I will send Him to you [to be in close fellowship with you]. ⁸ And when He comes, He will convict and convince the world and bring demonstration to it about sin and about righteousness (uprightness of heart and right standing with God) and about judgment: ⁹ About sin, because they do not believe in Me [trust in, rely on, and adhere to Me]; ¹⁰ About righteousness (uprightness of heart and right standing with God), because I go to My Father, and you will see Me no longer; ¹¹ About judgment, because the ruler (evil genius, prince) of this world [Satan] is judged and condemned and sentence already is passed upon him.

To the world, the Holy Spirit will convict or expose or bring to light their sin of unbelief in Jesus Christ. To the devil, the Holy Spirit will convict or bring to light or expose his judgement. But **John 16:8** clearly states that the Holy Spirit convicts a believer of righteousness. The Holy Spirit convicts or brings to light or exposes a believer of the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus. He convicts the believer of the righteousness paid for by the finished works of Jesus Christ on the cross. Satan is the accuser of the brethren (**Revelation 12:10**), the born again. So, if you have sinned, asked for forgiveness, and still feel condemned, know that it is not God but the devil who is trying to cause you to live in guilt and shame. **1 John 1:9** says If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. True conviction will enable you to walk in the spiritual awareness of righteousness - you are the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus!