

Help in the Daily Battle: The Place of Discipline

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I. Introduction.

A. Enablement means that the Holy Spirit is our sole source of power to deal decisively with sin, so that we can live.

B. We need to understand the role of the Holy Spirit.

II. The Holy Spirit uses the scripture to teach us, rebuke and correct us. (2 Timothy 3:16; Ephesians 6)

A. The Holy Spirit uses the scripture to teach us what the characteristics of a holy life are and what God's will is for our lives.

B. The Holy Spirit uses the scripture to show us our sin and how to deal with it. (Jeremiah 17:9)

1. We naturally try to rationalize our sin. (Romans 13:8)

2. God does not owe us anything for our obedience.

III. The Holy Spirit awakens within us a desire for holiness. (Philippians 2:13)

A. The beginning of an act of the will is desire. God's Spirit creates this desire in our personality, in our minds, and our affections.

IV. The Holy Spirit gives us the moral strength and energy to say "no" to sin and "yes" to God. (Philippians 2:13)

V. We are totally dependent on the Holy Spirit, but it is not a passive dependence.

A. We must be in the Word of God regularly, with an attitude of contrition and humility. (Isaiah 66)

B. We must come to God in prayer. This expresses our dependency on Him. (Hebrews 4:16)

Application questions:

1. Why is it important to study the Bible according to this message?

2. How has the Holy Spirit given you the strength to get rid of sin in your life? How has He given you the courage to say “yes” to God?

3. Why is the attitude with which we read the scriptures important?
