

Answer Key:

Our enemies are three-fold:

- world
- devil
- our

The Mistake we make...

- strength
- change

The Cost of not Putting on Jesus...

1. confusion
2. Guilt / Shame
3. Compulsions / addictions
4. Self-condemnation
5. frustration
6. discouragement / Despair

- natures

How-to Put-on Jesus...

1. Commit
2. Challenge
3. Confess

Putting on Jesus

“The Big Problem”

Part 2

Ephesians 6:13 NLT

Therefore, put on every piece of God’s armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm.

Introductory Statement

Throughout human history, there have been wars. Some have lasted months, some years, some a decade or longer. But inside each of us is a far more personal battle raging, and it is one we will be fighting for the rest of our lives. This "struggle" is the battle for our souls, and its impact is eternal.

Our enemies are three-fold:

- the _____ around us!
- the _____!
- _____ old nature!

I don't understand...

Romans 7:15- 25 Living Bible

I don't understand myself at all, for I really want to do what is right, but I can't. I do what I don't want to—what I hate. I know perfectly well that what I am doing is wrong, and my bad conscience proves that I agree with these laws I am breaking. But I can't help myself because I'm no longer doing it. It is sin inside me that is stronger than I am that makes me do these evil things.

I know I am rotten through and through so far as my old sinful nature is concerned. No matter which way I turn I can't make myself do right. I want to but I can't. When I want to do good, I don't; and when I try not to do wrong, I do it anyway. Now if I am doing what I don't want to, it is plain where the trouble is: sin still has me in its evil grasp.

It seems to be a fact of life that when I want to do what is right, I inevitably do what is wrong. I love to do God's will so far as my new nature is concerned; but there is something else deep within me, in my lower nature, that is at war with my mind and wins the fight and makes me a slave to the sin that is still within me. In my

mind I want to be God's willing servant, but instead I find myself still enslaved to sin.

So, you see how it is: my new life tells me to do right, but the old nature that is still inside me loves to sin. Oh, what a terrible predicament I'm in! Who will free me from my slavery to this deadly lower nature? Thank God! It has been done by Jesus Christ our Lord. He has set me free.

The Mistake we make...

- When you try to please God by your own _____, you are going to be frustrated and you are going to fail, when you try to do it on your own strength.
- When you try to _____ things in your life from bad to good by simple willpower it is not going to work. And you are going to eventually give up.

The Cost of not Putting on Jesus

1. _____.

Romans 7:15 Living Bible

"I don't understand myself at all, for I really want to do what is right, but I can't. I do what I don't want to -- what I hate."

2. _____ & _____.

Romans 7:16 Living Bible

"I know perfectly well that what I am doing is wrong, and my bad conscience proves that I agree with these laws I am breaking."

3. _____ &

_____.

Romans 7:17 Living Bible

"But I can't help myself because I'm no longer doing it. It is sin inside me that is stronger than I am, that makes me do these evil things."

4. _____ - _____.

Romans 7:18 Living Bible

"I know I am rotten inside as far as my old sinful nature is concerned."

5. _____.

Romans 7:18 -20 Living Bible

"No matter which way I turn I can't make myself do right. I want to but I can't! When I want to do good, I don't; and when I try not to do wrong, I do it anyway! Now if I am doing what I don't want to, it is plain where the trouble is: sin still has me in its evil grasp."

6. _____ & _____.

Romans 7:21, 23 Living Bible

"It seems to be a fact of life that when I want to do what is right, I inevitably do what is wrong...In my mind I want to be God's willing servant, but instead I find myself still enslaved to sin."

The Causes

- I have two _____.

Romans 7:21-24 Living Bible

"I love to do God's will so far as my new nature is concerned; but there is something else deep within me, in my lower nature, that is at war with my mind and wins the fight and makes me a slave to the sin that is still within me." "So you see how it is: my new life tells me to do right, but the old nature that is still inside me loves to sin. Oh, what a terrible predicament I'm in!"

How-to Put-on Jesus....

1. _____ myself completely to Christ.

Romans 7:24-25 NLT

"Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin? Thank God! The answer is through Jesus Christ our Lord!"

Romans 6:12-13 NLT

"Do not let sin control the way you live; do not give in to its lustful desires... Instead, give yourselves completely to God since you have been given new life."

Romans 8:2 (Ph)

"For the new spiritual principle of life in Jesus Christ lifts me out of the old vicious cycle of sin."

2. _____ the lie I am believing.

1 John 1:8 NIV

"If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us."

Remember...

- Behind every self-defeat act is a **LIE** you must believe.
- To stop defeating myself, I must **STOP** deceiving myself.

John 8:32 NIV

"When you know the truth, the truth will set you free."

3. _____ my struggle to another.

James 5:16 NCV

"Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so God can heal you. When a believing person prays, great things happen."

Galatians 5:16 NLT

"Live according to your new life in the Holy Spirit. Then you won't do what your sinful nature craves."

Putting on Jesus...

You have the equipment to live a successful, victorious life.

But it is not worth anything if you do not have the Spirit empowering you to do it.

You cannot do it on your own.