*THE PURSUIT OF HOLINESS* by Jerry Bridges

**Chapter Seven– “Help in the Daily Battle” -Romans 6:11**

**“Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.”**

**(Romans 6:11NASB)**

*“In chapter 6 we saw how sin still lives within us, waging its “guerrilla warfare” through evil desires and deceiving our minds. It may well seem that whatever hope for holiness was held out in chapter 5 was effectively taken away in chapter 6. “What good does it do,” you may ask, “to be told that the war with sin was won by Christ in His death on the cross if I am still harassed and often defeated by sin in my heart?” (pg. 51)*

**H**  old on! God has made abundant provision for us to win the daily battles against sin,

**E**  ven if He, in His infinite wisdom has seen fit to allow these internal daily battles to continue.

**L**  adies, in order for us to experience practical everyday holiness we must remember that God’s

**P**  urposes in our fight against sin is to conform us to His character and be obedient to His will!

**I**  t’s vital for us to recall that God is Faithful and promises to never leave us to do battle alone.

**N**  ot only have we been delivered from the dominion of darkness, we also have been brought into the kingdom of Christ. (pg.52)

**T** he scriptures clearly testify to this. Now we are not only **dead to sin**, we are also **alive to God**!

**H** aving embraced these profound realities by faith, this will help us in our pursuit of holiness.

**E**  ach one of us must cling to the significance that being alive to God means “*we are united with Christ in all His power*”(pg.52) and that *“He has given us His Holy Spirit to live within us.”* (pg.54)

**D** aily remind yourself, “However weak I may be, it is the power of God that is working in me.”

**A** s we pursue holiness, we must form the habit of saying, “I am dead to sin and alive to God!”

**I**  don’t do this in my own willpower but by faith in God’s Word, I can resist sin’s temptations.

**L**  isten, when we count on **the fact that we are alive to God** we can look to Christ for His power

**Y**  ou and I need to resist sin’s advances and temptations. (pg.54) (Lk.22:40; I Cor. 10:13)

**B**  y God’s grace it is the Holy Spirit of God who lives within us who strengthens us to holiness.

**A**  s we learned in this chapter, we express our dependence on the Holy Spirit for a holy life in

**T**  wo ways: by *a humble and consistent intake of Scripture* and *praying for holiness*. (pg.58-59)

**T**  o truly desire to *walk by the Spirit(Gal.5:16)*, we must continually feed our minds with truth.

**L**  ooking to have victory over sin without daily intake of God’s Word and prayer is hypocritical.

**E** ach one of us must daily open the Word of God prayerfully and humbly so the Holy Spirit of God can show us our sinfulness and lead us to holiness. (pg.57)

Ladies, I concur with Jerry Bridges’ thoughts at the end of this chapter, ***“We have to learn that we are dependent upon the enabling power of the Holy Spirit to attain any degree of holiness. Then, as we look to Him, we will see Him working in us—revealing our sin, creating a desire for holiness and giving us the strength to respond to Him in obedience.” (pg.59)***

Praise be to God that we have **HELP IN THE DAILY BATTLE** against sin!

Pressing onward and looking upward with you,

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