

Battles

Where do battles come from?

Battles come from Satan and us. Many scriptures tell us that Satan comes as a roaring lion and resist him and he will flee from us. Read Genesis and Job, many scriptures from Moses, Paul, and Jesus.

Satan does not do us any favors! Satan temps us at our weakest points/areas. But Satan does not get all the bad credit.

Sin disguises itself as habits - that is, behaviors and thoughts that have become "second-nature." Many of the sins we commit come so naturally to us that we hardly notice them - whether they occur while driving on a busy freeway, having conversations about other people, abusing substances or other harmful things that may temporarily make us feel better. Habits require time and repetition to become entrenched. These habits enslave us, lead us to deadly consequences, make us sick, corrupt us, and ultimately separate us from God. We have to unlearn many of these behaviors (directed by the Holy Spirit) so that we are fit citizens of God's kingdom.

Answer

The answer is the same for all battles, read the Bible and listen to the Holy Spirit. Oh yes, we have to listen and obey.

We are saved by and through God's grace alone. We can do nothing to earn our Salvation. All "good works" are tools that Holy Spirit can use to renew our hearts.

We are too:

- Recognize that Jesus is King of our lives
- Acknowledge that we belong to Jesus along
- Acquire the Fruit of the Spirit
- Recognize God's calling and the Holy Spirit's prompting in our lives
- Identify areas in our lives that needs to be renewed
- Humble ourselves to God's leading
- Depend on God's grace for everything
- Trained and equipped to respond correctly when life throws problems and storms at us

Trust Him as your security. Trust Him when things come against you - they need not trouble you, cause you to be anxious, fretful, or upset you. Trust Him as your shield. Let Him be your first line of defense. Nothing can pierce or replace Him. No weapon that is formed against you can prosper when He is your shield. Turn all things over to His strong hands. The battle is the Lord's. The victory is ours as we yield to the Holy Spirit. We are more than conquerors through Christ and the Holy Spirit working through us.

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