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19 For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. **20** Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. **21** So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. **22** For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, **23** but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. -

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24 Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? 25 Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin. (ESV)



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I. All of us wrestle with our own personal sinfulness.

A. Having been enslaved to sin.

14 For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin.

- *2 Kings 17:17 ...sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the Lord...*



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I. All of us wrestle with our own personal sinfulness.

B. Not knowing what we are doing.

15 For I do not understand my own actions.

- *Luke 23:34 And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.”*

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I. All of us wrestle with our own personal sinfulness.

C. Not doing what we should.

For I do not do what I want,

- *Galatians 5:17 For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.*

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I. All of us wrestle with our own personal sinfulness.

D. Doing the things we despise.
but I do the very thing I hate.

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I. All of us wrestle with our own personal sinfulness.

E. Knowing full well that God's law is right and good.

16 Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good.

- *Psalm 19:7-9 The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple; 8 the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes;*

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II. All of us have sin that dwells within us.

A. Indwelling sin can overcome our wills.

17 So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

20 Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

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II. All of us have sin that dwells within us.

B. Indwelling sin is a part of our very nature.

18 For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh.

- *Psalm 51:4-5 Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.
5 Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.*

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18 For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh.

- *Romans 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,*
- *1 John 1:8 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.*

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II. All of us have sin that dwells within us.

C. Indwelling sin can destroy our good intentions.

For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out.

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II. All of us have sin that dwells within us.

D. Indwelling sin can dominate our lives.

19 For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing.

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III. All of us are at war within ourselves.

A. Our worst enemy is very near.

21 So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand.

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III. All of us are at war within ourselves.

B. Even though God's truth is so compelling.

22 For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being,

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III. All of us are at war within ourselves.

C. We are really dealing with a hostage situation.

23 but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.

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IV. Only Jesus Christ can deliver us.

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- *1 Corinthians 15:57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*
- *Matthew 1:21 She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."*

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