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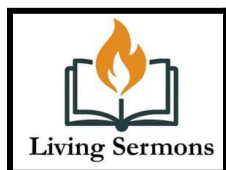
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Foreword

With remarkable clarity and spiritual weight, **P. Daniel Olawande** brings us face to face with a reality many believers would rather avoid—the ongoing war between the flesh and the Spirit. This is not presented as a distant theological concept, but as a daily, practical battle that determines the outcome of a believer’s life and destiny.

What makes this message particularly striking is its honesty. It does not attempt to soften truth or adjust it to suit the comfort of the times. Instead, it calls the believer back to the ancient path: discipline, consecration, and a genuine hunger for God. It reminds us that spiritual growth is not accidental, and that power, intimacy, and fruitfulness in the Spirit are all products of a life that chooses to stay with God.

The emphasis on *cravings* is both profound and necessary. In a generation flooded with distractions and redefined values, this message helps the reader to pause and ask the most important question: *What do I truly desire?* For it is in answering this question honestly that the direction of one’s spiritual life is revealed.

This book is not merely to be read—it is to be engaged with. It will challenge your habits, examine your motives, and invite you into a deeper walk with the Holy Spirit. If approached with sincerity, it will not leave you the same.

It is our prayer that as you go through these pages, you will not only gain understanding, but also receive grace—the grace to yield to the Spirit, to crucify the flesh, and to cultivate a life that truly pleases God.

— **Wisdom Epsi**
Chief Editor, LivingSermons.com

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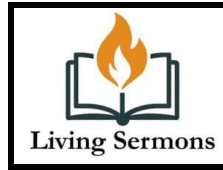
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Main Message

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Galatians 5 – The Warning Against Carnality

We stopped at verse 15.

Galatians 5:15 (KJV)

“But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another.”

The Scripture is saying that if you continue to criticise and come against each other over minor issues, you are acting like wild beasts trying to destroy one another.

Galatians 5:14 (KJV)

“For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.”

Love completes the law of God. Everything can be summarised in one instruction: love your neighbour as yourself.

The Conflict Within: Flesh vs Spirit

Galatians 5:16–17 (KJV)

“This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other...”

There are two conflicting forces within you:

- The self-life of the flesh
- The new creation life of the Spirit

These two are constantly at war.

Galatians 5:19–21 (KJV)

“Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like...”

The Bible is clear—these things are not hidden. They are obvious.

Let me ask you a question:

Was Apostle Paul speaking to unbelievers or to a church?

To the church.

And he said clearly that those who do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. So who told you there is nothing you can do that will make you lose heaven?

The Full Counsel of Christ

The Jesus revealed in the Gospels and Epistles shows love, mercy, and grace. But the Jesus revealed in Revelation also shows judgement and correction.

He said, *“I will spew thee out of my mouth... I will remove thy candlestick”* (Revelation 3:16; 2:5).

He gave time for love to produce obedience. When that is rejected, judgement follows.

The Fruit of the Spirit

Galatians 5:22–23 (KJV)

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.” The life of the Spirit produces:

- Love
- Joy
- Peace
- Patience
- Kindness
- Goodness
- Faith
- Gentleness
- Self-control

These are meant to be limitless.

Crucified Life: No Longer the Old Man

Galatians 5:24 (KJV)

“And they that are Christ’s have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.”
Everything connected to the old self-life has been crucified.

Spirit-Led Living

Galatians 5:25 (KJV)

“If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.”

If the Spirit is the source of your life, then He must direct every aspect of your life. The Lord is your Saviour—but is He your Lord?

Can He tell you what to do?

Does He determine how you live?

The Battle of Choices

There is a constant clash between the flesh and the Spirit. It is not enough to say you are a believer—your life must show it. The evidence is not in your confession alone, but in your actions.

We must be careful not to legitimise what God has condemned. When you begin to say, “It is normal,” you create a state in your heart that accepts what you should fight.

The Bible has already given us the standard. Anything that looks like the works of the flesh is a signal that the flesh is in control. This generation is trying to normalise sin. But the world does not define normal—the Word of God does.

Fight, Don’t Excuse

There are things that, when they show up in your life, you must fight immediately. When lust appears, you don’t explain it—you confront it. There is a difference between admiring someone and lusting after them. Do not allow yourself to nurture what should be crucified.

Jealousy may start small: “They promoted him... it could have been me.”

But if it is not dealt with, it grows:

- It becomes resentment
- It becomes anger
- It becomes a desire for their downfall

The last class before witchcraft is the class of jealousy. You must not entertain it.

Why the Flesh Feels Stronger

Why is it easier to respond to the flesh?

Because of exposure. You hear a 40-minute sermon...

Then you spend hours consuming carnality. Your environment is shaping your desires.

What you expose yourself to determines what controls you.

The Power of Environment

If your life is filled with:

- Worldly content
- Ungodly entertainment
- Carnal influences

It will be easier to respond to the flesh. But if your life is filled with:

- The Word
- Worship
- God-consciousness

Certain desires will lose their hold on you.

The Call to Continuous Fellowship

The goal is not occasional encounters—it is a life of dwelling.

Psalm 91:1 (KJV)

“He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.”

When you dwell in God’s presence, some temptations lose their voice.

God in Your Thoughts

Check your daily life: Is God present in your thoughts?

Because when your mind is filled with God, sin loses attraction.

The Law of Exposure

You respond to what you feed on. If your spiritual input is small and your carnal input is large, the flesh will dominate. But if your spiritual exposure increases, the Spirit gains expression.

Illustration: The Battle of Powers

“This is your life... this is your anointing.”

Two forces are present:

- The power of the flesh
- The power of the Holy Ghost

If both contend, which one wins?

The one that has been fed the most. Do you know why demonic power sometimes appears to win?

God is a God of weight and measures. There is a sacrifice that produces fullness. You have not laboured, yet you want to carry power. At a certain level, you can only confront certain kinds of battles.

That is why the prince of Persia withstood the angel sent to Daniel (**Daniel 10:13**). The angel was not of sufficient rank, and another had to be sent. In the realm of the Spirit, levels matter. That is why there are things you pray about and nothing happens—then a man of stature speaks, and it shifts.

The Reality of Spiritual Growth

The foundation is having Jesus in your life—that is the great leveller. But beyond that, results differ according to:

- Discipline
- Consecration
- Time spent in God’s presence

If there were no reward for spending time with God, everyone would walk in power.

Faith Is Not Enough Without Depth

It is not just about faith.

The seven sons of Sceva said, *“In the name of Jesus whom Paul preacheth...”* (**Acts 19:13–16**).

The demon replied, *“Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye?”*

They were overpowered. Yet, handkerchiefs from Paul carried power (**Acts 19:12**). How can a handkerchief carry more authority than a man?

Because spiritual weight is real.

The Call to Be Endued with Power

Jesus told His disciples:

Luke 24:49 (KJV)

“Tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.”

They were already with Jesus, yet they were told to wait. There are things you will never carry until you tarry. God does not adjust His standards.

Power Must Be Activated

You may have power, but is it working?

Ephesians 3:20 (KJV)

“...according to the power that worketh in us.”

Power must be made available.

James 5:16 (KJV)

“...The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.”

Prayer, the Word, and consecration are what make power flow.

Devotion Determines Strength

Some people are deeply devoted—to the wrong things. They invest time, energy, and sacrifice into darkness. But believers:

- Read the Bible occasionally
- Pray casually
- Spend hours in distractions

And then wonder why there is no power.

The Price of Glory Is Staying

The world pays a price for influence. But God’s instruction is simple:

Stay.

Stay in His presence.

Stay in the Word.

Stay in prayer.

The Battle of Content

Your life is a container of content:

- Word level
- Prayer level
- Consecration level
- Carnal exposure

Whichever is greater will dominate.

Psalm 119:11 (KJV)

“Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.”

If there is no Word in your heart, the world will control you.

Why Carnality Feels Stronger Today

Immorality is easier now than before. Before, sin required effort. Now, it comes to you.

Everything is sexualised.

Everything is accessible.

If you do not guard your exposure, you will be shaped by it.

The Discipline of Staying

If you will overcome the flesh:

Spend time in the Word. There is no shortcut to spirituality. There is no impartation that replaces discipline. Sit down.

Sometimes, to grow, you must:

- Turn off your phone
- Enter quietness
- Focus without distraction

You cannot grow while constantly distracted.

Spiritual Growth Is Personal

No sermon can grow you beyond a point. At best, it gives you information. Your growth is your responsibility.

Freedom Requires Discipline

“Those who use their freedom wrongly will not inherit the kingdom of God.” Freedom without discipline becomes bondage. Grace does not remove responsibility—it increases it. Under the law, you are told what not to do. Under grace, you are free—but you must choose God. It takes greater discipline to live under grace.

Yielding to the Holy Spirit

When you submit to the Holy Spirit, you won't struggle with “Should I or should I not?”

He leads you. That is why Scripture says:

Yield to the Spirit, and you will not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

The works of the flesh are many. The fruit of the Spirit appears fewer—but they are weightier. Love alone fulfils the law.

Matthew 22:37–40 (KJV)

All commandments are summarised in:

- Love God
- Love your neighbour

Love is not small—it is everything.

Understanding Cravings

Cravings reveal your spiritual condition. You can desire something and not act on it—you will survive. But take note:

If you are not craving spiritual things, something is wrong. If your fleshly cravings are stronger than your spiritual cravings, you are in danger.

Spiritual Health Check

If there is no hunger for:

- Prayer
- The Word
- God's presence

You are spiritually unhealthy. Spiritual people have spiritual cravings.

Check the Source of Your Desires

Not every “spiritual desire” is from God. Some are:

- Competition
- Pride
- A desire for recognition

You can package ambition in spiritual language. So you must examine your heart.

Discern Your Motives

Sit down and question your desires:

“Is this from God—or from comparison?”

“Is this vision divine—or inspired by what I saw?”

Do not move until God confirms. Your cravings will determine your direction. If you do not deal with them, they will lead you back into bondage. Even after deliverance, unchecked desires can return you to captivity.

Call your body, soul, and spirit together.

Ask:

“What do I truly desire?”

Because whatever you crave consistently... you will eventually become.

Check Your Cravings

One of the things you must take from this Bible study is this: Check your cravings.

Ensure that daily, your cravings for the things of the Spirit—your cravings for holiness—are increasing. But understand this: craving spiritual things is not only about activity. The greatest craving is the desire to please God.

“Lord, I want to be Your friend. Lord, I want to be close to You.”

There is a realm where you desire intimacy more than activity.

The Craving for Intimacy

It is not just about doing things for God. There is a deeper craving—the craving to be with Him.

“Lord, I want to know You.
I want to feel Your burden.
I want to sit with You.”

If your craving for doing for God is higher than your craving for being with God, then your craving is not legitimate.

Called to Be With Him

When Jesus called His disciples:

Mark 3:14 (KJV)

“And he ordained twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach.”

Being with Him comes before being sent. Many things listed as works of the flesh are now called “weaknesses.”

Once labelled as weakness, people excuse them. But sin does not change because culture renames it.

Many things today are rebranded:

- Immorality
- Divination
- Zodiac practices

Yet the truth remains unchanged.

Truth Does Not Change

The truth is constant, but presentation can change with generations. We are in a generation that asks questions. Therefore, we must not only instruct—we must explain.

The Power of Scriptural Clarity

The solution is simple:

Return to the Word.

- Study Scripture together
- Read verse by verse
- Examine line upon line

When people see truth for themselves, deception loses its power.

The Need for Small Circles

We must return to:

- Small Bible study groups
- Honest discussions
- Collective learning

Where:

- Questions are welcomed
- Scriptures are examined
- Growth is shared

If it is written in Scripture, it is settled. No argument can override revelation. Experience confirms truth, but Scripture establishes it.

There is a war inside every believer.

Galatians 5:17 (KJV)

“For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh...”

Spirituality means choosing the Spirit daily. Spiritual maturity is the consistency of that choice.

The Danger of the Flesh

The works of the flesh destroy destiny. Persistent carnality blocks spiritual inheritance.

Galatians 5:21 (KJV)

“...they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.”

The Spirit Produces the Fruit

The fruit of the Spirit is not produced by effort. It is produced by the Spirit. You cannot manufacture:

- Love
- Joy
- Peace
- Patience

They flow from a life yielded to the Spirit.

Crucifying the Flesh

Galatians 5:24 (KJV)

“And they that are Christ’s have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.”

Spiritual growth requires intentional death to the flesh. This is not accidental—it is deliberate.

Consistency in Spiritual Life

Galatians 5:25 (KJV)

“If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.”

Spiritual life must be daily:

- Daily prayer
- Daily study
- Daily worship

Not weekly. Not occasional.

Flesh vs Spirit: A Contrast

- Chaos → Peace
- Jealousy → Love
- Anger → Patience
- Sinful desires → Self-control

A fleshly life destroys destiny. A spiritual life builds inheritance.

Practising Spirituality

Spirituality must be practised daily. Just as others are disciplined in darkness, believers must be disciplined in light.

You must:

- Study the Word
- Do the Word

The “Doing” Journal

When you study Scripture, ask:

“What am I to do?”

Write it down.

Live it out.

Studying the Bible Effectively (B.I.B.L.E Method)

When studying Scripture:

B — Basic truths to become

I — Instructions to follow

B — Principles to practise

L — Lessons to learn

E — Experiences to pattern after

For example:

- Joseph: “*How can I do this great wickedness...?*” (**Genesis 39:9**)
- Samson: Lessons from compromise
- Giving: “*Give, and it shall be given unto you...*” (**Luke 6:38**)

Study, write, and apply.

Living the Word

When you follow the Word, the flesh loses its grip. Victory is not complicated—it is obedience.

Closing Prayer

Father, we thank You for Your Word today.

We give You all the praise.

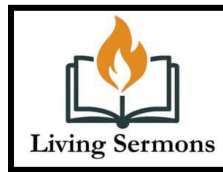
Lord, we receive grace:

- To stay in Your Word
- To study
- To pray
- To live holy

We receive grace to become addicted lovers of Your Word. We receive grace to crucify the flesh. From today, we live in the Spirit.

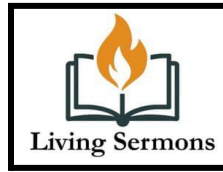
In Jesus' name,

Amen.



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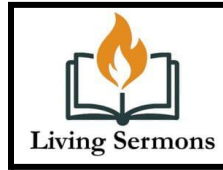
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