

Does my life truly reflect what I believe, or am I just going through the motions?

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“I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. ¹⁶And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. ¹⁸I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. ¹⁹For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. ¹⁹For what I do is not the good I want to do; no, the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.”

Romans 7:15-20

SUMMARY:

The Scripture teaches that God loves you and me. We are children of God. We belong to Him and He wants to protect us and provide for us in every way. But sometimes we foolishly wade into dangerous situations, not knowing what lies ahead. The swimming hole of life is filled with peril—and we forget that the enemy is waiting to attack. That’s when the tug-of-war begins, and if we have the scars of His love on our arms, we can be very, very, grateful. He did not and will not ever let us go!!!!

NOTES:

DISCUSSION POINTS:

- 1.) Are the scars from your past allowing Satan to keep you from being the man God intended you to be?
- 2.) Are you willing to put God’s promises to work in your life? (There are over 33,000 plus promises that are there for the taking.)
- 3.) Are you willing to do what God’s asks of you? (To be obedient and to know that He knows our weaknesses, but He is only asking for progression.) Am I a better person today than I was yesterday?
- 4.) Do you want to be successful in your Christian life, your marriage, your work, and your relationships? Explain how to get there.
- 5.) Have you hidden His word in your heart? Psalm 119:11 (Being prepared for whatever trials/temptations come our way.)

APPLICATION:

Three keys I believe to be successful in Christian living:

- 1.) Decision making
- 2.) Commitment
- 3.) A saving Faith

ON YOUR OWN...

When things get really tough I recommend these scriptures for encouragement:

James: 1:2-18, Acts 20:24, Romans 8:28-39, I Cor. 15:58 and Psalms: 13 (My favorite!) 25, and 53.