

# spirituality

**a charge for life**





## Romans 7:15-24

(The Message)

What I don't understand about myself is that I decide one way, but then I act another, doing things I absolutely despise. So if I can't be trusted to figure out what is best for myself and then do it, it becomes obvious that God's command is necessary.



## Romans 7:15-24

(The Message)

But I need something more! For if I know the law but still can't keep it, and if the power of sin within me keeps sabotaging my best intentions, I obviously need help! I realize that I don't have what it takes. I can will it, but I can't do it. I decide to do good, but I don't really do it; I decide not to do bad, but then I do it anyway.



## Romans 7:15-24

(The Message)

My decisions, such as they are, don't result in actions. Something has gone wrong deep within me and gets the better of me every time. It happens so regularly that it's predictable. The moment I decide to do good, sin is there to trip me up. I truly delight in God's commands, but it's pretty obvious that not all of me joins in that delight.



## Romans 7:15-24

(The Message)

Parts of me covertly rebel,  
and just when I least  
expect it, they take  
charge.

I've tried everything and  
nothing helps. I'm at the  
end of my rope. Is there  
no one who can do  
anything for me? Isn't that  
the real question?



## Galatians 5:16-18 (NIV)

So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under law.



*danger - low power*



- A. We have a built-in DEFECT which causes us to malfunction.
- B. God's GRACE provides you and me with a choice.
- C. We have to make a DECISION on who will power our lives.



1. We don't EARN the connection.













1. We don't EARN the connection.
2. Create SPACE to connect to God's Spirit.
3. Not listening CORRODES our connection.

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