

# STRENGTHEN YOUR CORE

## PART 7 - CORE CORRUPTION

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- \* **In order to strengthen our core, we must allow God to cleanse it from the corruption of the world. The world represents the will of man that wars against the will of God. *1John 2:15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.***
- \* **Going against the will of God is sin. Sin contaminates our core and causes us to walk in darkness instead of the light. *1John 1:6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:***
- \* **Darkness in our core makes our way harder and blocks the path that Jesus Christ has made for us to follow. *John 8:12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.***



- \* **Sin can master us if we allow it to. Just as a king has dominion and reigns over his subjects, sin can rule over us and become our leader. *Romans 6:12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.***
- \* **When sin controls our core, it will cause us to strengthen carnal desires. When this occurs, we will begin to sow to our flesh instead of our spirit man. *Gal. 6:8 For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.***
- \* **When we are born of God, sin has no place to dwell. It's similar to someone turning on a light which expels darkness because it cannot withstand light. *1John 3:9 - Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.***



- \* **The enemy desires for us to embrace sin so that we can become advocates of sin. When sin corrupts our core, we can no longer perceive its severity nor judge it righteously. *John 7:24 Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment.***
- \* **Our core is the residence of moral doctrine. When it is mastered by sin, our convictions change, which makes us insensitive to the Word of God. *Rom. 8:7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.***
- \* **People that claim Christ but continue to promote things of the world (lust of the flesh, lust of the eye, pride of life) have seared their own conscience so they can have what they desire. *1Tim. 4:1-2 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;***



summary

**As believers we must realize that we are not allowed to follow our own pleasure! We must continue to strengthen our core by submitting our desires and our will to God. When we go our own way, we allow a place for sin to reign in us. Once sin masters us, it will distort our reality and cause us to perceive sin as less egregious. This is why many modern-day Christians fail to differentiate between the sacred and the profane. Because they have sought after their own ambitions and embraced the world, they are ruled by sin and not by God. This weakens the core and makes it impossible to serve God because we cannot serve two masters.**

**We must keep our core strengthened with the Word of God and follow God's plan for our lives. His guidance protects us from being led astray by our own desires and giving sin mastery over our lives. Sin must not reign in our bodies! We must allow God to cleanse our core daily so that it can be fortified with His will so we can follow after His plan and not our own.**

***Rom. 8:5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.***

***Rom. 8:6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.***

***Rom. 8:7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.***

***Rom. 8:8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.***

***Rom. 8:9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.***