

A STRONG WARRIOR

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How Is Our New Spirit Different From Our Old Spirit?

- 1. The Old Spirit is driven by Fear... the New Spirit is driven by Faith
- 2 Timothy 1:7 (NKJV) For God has not given us a spirit of fear...

<u>Hebrews 11:6 (NIV)</u> And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

<u>Isaiah 41:10 (ESV)</u> Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

2. The Old Spirit is weak... the New Spirit is powerful

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<u>Acts 1:8 (ESV)</u> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

Romans 8:11 (ESV) If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

3. The Old Spirit lives for self and what it can get... the New Spirit lives in love and what it can give

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Ephesians 2:1-3 (ESV) And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ² in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience ³ among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8 (ESV) Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸ Love never ends.

4. The Old Spirit is unstable and uncontrollable in uncertain circumstances... the New Spirit is of a sound mind, stable and maintains self-control

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Galatians 5:17-24 (ESV) 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. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

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Stand and fight for the souls of those around you, don't give up, don't give up, and don't give up!



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