

Renovaré, pt. 1
Galatians 5:16-21
Living the Gospel, 18
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Understand the nature of the battle ... verses 16-18

- We no longer have to sin. v. 16
- We have two capacities for doing life. v. 17a
 1. The flesh will never deliver what we want. v. 17b
 2. The Spirit directs us into freedom. v. 18

Embrace the necessity of introspection ... verses 19-21

- The fleshly capacity is defined by self-protection.
- The fleshly capacity is described by ...
 1. acts of self-love
 2. acts of self-reliance
 3. acts of self-righteousness
 4. acts of self-medication

APPLICATION

What do you need to begin to believe about the nature of the battle?

What area of the flesh is the most powerful in your life?

Quotes:

"A saint is not someone who is good but who experiences the goodness of God."
Thomas Merton

"The Good News means that we can stop lying to ourselves. The sweet sound of amazing grace saves us from the necessity of self-deception. It keeps us from denying that though Christ was victorious, the battle with lust, greed, and pride still rages within us. As a sinner who has been redeemed, I can acknowledge that I am often unloving, irritable, angry, and resentful with those who are closest to me." Brennan Manning