

## GETTIN RID OF STUFF (#4)

**Request:** “Could you explain in simple Bible terms the difference between OSN (old sin nature) behavior and OMCD (old man cosmos diabolicus) behavior?”

- Lesson #1: Gettin Rid of Stuff of the old sin-nature.
- Lesson #2: Does will power play a role in controlling the old sin-nature?
- Lesson #3: Continuing our study on the old sin-nature?
- **Lesson #4: Causes of old man cosmos diabolicus (OMCD) behavior in the CWL.**

Over the last three weeks, we have been studying OSN behavior. This has been due to the interest in getting it right. As a pastor-teacher, I am always grateful for this type of interest.

We have learned that the key to correcting sinful behavior is controlling the lust-sin of the OSN by the supernatural power of walking by means of the indwelling Holy Spirit (James 1:14-15; Rom.6:6, 12; 8:11; Gal.5:16-17; 1 John 1:9).

We have also learned that the lust-sin of the OSN is connected to our soul and choices:

(1 Pet.2:11) “Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain (apecho / p.m.infin) from fleshly (ton sarkikos) lusts (epithumia), which (hostis / rel pr. / nmpl) wage war (strteuo / p.a.ind.3pl) against (kata+gen of opposition) your soul (tes psuche).”

**This lesson will study four aspects of Gettin Rid of the Stuff that causes Old Man Cosmos Diabolicus behavior in the CWL.**

### **1. Only believers can engage in the type of spiritual warfare posted by Peter in 1 Pet.2:11-12 (beloved in Christ and aliens, and strangers in world).**

**The question** is how does the believer abstain from fleshly lust which war against the soul so that the believer can - “keep your behavior (ten anastrophe) excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the things in which they slander you as evildoers, they may on account of your good deeds, as they observe them, glorify God in the day of visitation?” (1 Pet.2:12)

Does the believer abstain by observing the Law or by will power? These are both fleshly operations that an unbeliever could perform successfully (Rom.8:1-17; Gal.3:1-3).

We will examine our lesson text by the following four homiletical points.

- Contrast of Laws (Rom.8:1-4) law of sin and death vs. law of Spirit of life.
- Contrast of minds (Rom.8:5-8) things of flesh vs. things of Spirit
- Contrast of choices (Rom.8:9-13) spiritual death vs. spiritual life
- Contrast of spirits (Rom.8:14-17) spirit of slavery vs. spirit of adoption

### **2. The Christian Way of Life (CWL) is the result of the supernatural work of the Holy Spirit in the Church Age. Below are the eight (8) works of the Holy Spirit that take place at the point of Salvation.**

**Adoption** (Rom.8:14-17)

**Baptism** (1 Cor.12:13)

**Indwelling** (1 Cor.6:19-20)

**Regeneration** (John 3:1-8)

**Sanctification** (2 Thess.2:13-14)

**Seals and earnest** (2 Cor.1:22)

**Spiritual gift** (1 Cor.12:11)

**Spiritual life** (Rom.8:9-11)

(Rom.8:9) “However, you are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him.”

### 3. It is important to understand that there are two internal fronts of warfare in the CWL.

Both require spiritual solutions (Gal.5:16; 2 Cor.5:7). And these two internal fronts of warfare are connected in 1 Pet.2:11 as fleshly lust (OSN) and soul (mentality, the thinking aspect of our soul) OMCD “heart” thinking.

**Last week we ask you to think about these four questions for today’s lesson.**

- How does lust-sin gratification become a life style? (Rom.3:20; 7:7-8, 13; 6:6-14; 8:5-13)
- How does drinking become drunkard? (Titus 2:3; Luke 21:34; Eph.5:18)
- How does overeating become gluttony? (Prov.23:20-21; 21:17; Luke 7:34)
- How does sex outside marriage become whoredom (prostitution or whore monger)? (Gal.5:19-21; Eph.5:5; Heb.13:4; 1 Pet.4:3-4)

The OSN produces lusts, seeking pleasure gratification. Pleasure gratification produces OSN “trends” in the mind. OSN trends produce life style habits (“I just like it!”) and addictions (“I’m in bondage to it!”) so that it characterizes a person (Eph.4:22-32). OSN trends can take different forms such as body lust, approbation lust, power lust, materialism lust, and ego lust.

(Rom.13:12-14) “Let us therefore **lay aside** the deeds of darkness and **put on** the armor of light. Let us **behave properly** as in the day, **not in** carousing and drunkenness, **not in** sexual promiscuity and sensuality, **not in** strife and jealousy. **But put on** the Lord Jesus Christ, and **make no provision** for the flesh in regard to its lusts.”

### 4. OSN ‘trends’ become old man cosmos diabolicus ‘behaviors’ when they become part of the belief system of the heart – “For as he thinks within himself, so he is.” (Prov.23:7; Matt.15:18-20)

For example, the materialism lust trend can become greed or criminal behavior because of OMCD ‘thinking’ attempting to justify sinful or evil behavior (**Eph.5:3-4; Titus 1:7-9**).

Confession of the sin will **NOT** change OMCD ‘thinking’ in the soul. However, it will change the status from carnality (OSN) to spirituality (FHS) (**1 Cor.3:1-3; Eph.5:18; Gal.5:16**).

To effectively change OMCD trends, the believer must change his beliefs regarding specific truth of God’s Word dealing with the subject (Rom.6:17; Heb.4:12).

It will require putting off OMCD thinking by the **renewing the spirit of your mind** and a putting on of New Man Divine Viewpoint (NMDV) thinking that is created in righteousness and holiness and truth (Eph.4:22-24; **Col.3:2, 8-11; Phil.3:19**).

(1 Pet.1:13-15) “Therefore, grid your minds for action, keep sober in spirit, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. As obedient children, do NOT be conformed to the former lusts which were yours in your ignorance, but like the Holy One who called you be holy yourselves also in all your behavior.”

Paul refers to this process as transformation – “And do NOT be conformed to this world, but be **transformed by the renewing of your mind**, that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.” (Rom.12:2; **2 Cor.7:1; 10:5**)

#### **Peter’s transformation:**

(Matt.16:21-23; 17:22-23; 20:17-19; 26:1-2, 31-35, 74-75; 28:7, 16-17; Acts 2:14-41)