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The reality of Governing myself

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Why is it so hard to Govern myself according to what I say I value?

Romans 7:15-25 New International Version

15 I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. 16 And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. 17 As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. 18 For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For **I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out.** 19 **For I do not do the good I want to do,** but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing. 20 Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it. 21 **So I find this law at work:** Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. 22 **For in my inner being I delight in God's law;** 23 **but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me.** 24 What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? 25 Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!

All believers are commissioned to value this

Matthew 28:18-20 Amplified Bible

18 Jesus came up and said to them, "All authority (all power of absolute rule) in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations [help the people to learn of Me, believe in Me, and obey My words], baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe everything that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always [remaining with you perpetually—regardless of circumstance, and on every occasion], even to the end of the age."

You will be challenged

2 Timothy 3:11-13 Amplified Bible

11 persecutions, and sufferings—such as happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra; what persecutions I endured, but the Lord rescued me from them all! 12 **Indeed, all who delight in pursuing righteousness and are determined to live godly lives in Christ Jesus will be hunted and persecuted [because of their faith].** 13 But evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived.

Matthew 13:18-23 Amplified Bible

18 “Listen then to the [meaning of the] parable of the sower: 19 **When anyone hears the word of the kingdom [regarding salvation] and does not understand and grasp it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart.** This is the one on whom seed was sown beside the road. 20 The one on whom seed was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and at once welcomes it with joy; 21 yet he has no [substantial] root in himself, but is only temporary, and **when pressure or persecution comes because of the word, immediately he stumbles and falls away [abandoning the One who is the source of salvation].** 22 And the one on whom seed was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but **the worries and distractions of the world and the deceitfulness [the superficial pleasures and delight] of riches choke the word, and it yields no fruit.** 23 And the one on whom seed was sown on the good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands and grasps it; he indeed bears fruit and yields, some a hundred times [as much as was sown], some sixty [times as much], and some thirty.”

The Purpose of Challenges for the Believers

James 1:2-4 The Message

2-4 Consider it a sheer gift, friends, when tests and challenges come at you from all sides. You know that **under pressure, your faith-life is forced into the open and shows its true colors.** So don't try to get out of anything prematurely. **Let it do its work so you become mature and well-developed, not deficient in any way.**

James 1:2-4 Amplified Bible

2 Consider it nothing but joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you fall into various trials. 3 Be assured that the **testing of your faith [through experience] produces endurance [leading to spiritual maturity, and inner peace].** 4 And let endurance have its perfect result and do a thorough work, so that **you may be perfect and completely developed [in your faith], lacking in nothing.**

You will need to change

Romans 12:1-2 Amplified Bible

1 Therefore I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies [dedicating all of yourselves, set apart] as a living sacrifice, holy and well-pleasing to God, which is your rational (logical, intelligent) act of worship. 2 And do not be conformed to this world [any longer with its superficial values and customs], but **be transformed and progressively changed [as you mature spiritually] by the renewing of your mind [focusing on godly values and ethical**

attitudes], so that you may prove [for yourselves] what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect [in His plan and purpose for you].

Why is it difficult for people to change? Because of Fear

2 Timothy 1:7 New Living Translation

For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.

Why is it difficult for people to change? Because we think we are right!

Proverbs 21:1-3 Amplified Bible

1 The king's heart is like channels of water in the hand of the Lord; He turns it whichever way He wishes. 2 **Every man's way is right in his own eyes, But the Lord weighs and examines the hearts [of people and their motives].** 3 To do righteousness and justice is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice [for wrongs repeatedly committed].