

FAITH IN THE SPIRIT OF GOD
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PSALMS 107:1-2

Our God is good and loves us unconditionally. He is not the cause of all the evil and suffering in the world. Evil exists because Lucifer and Adam acted apart from God's will for their existence. All suffering results from three things.

1. Satan imposing his will on mankind. **LUKE 13:16**
2. Natural consequences of a fallen world. **JOHN 9:1-4**
3. Open doors allowed by sinful choices. **JOHN 5:14**

THREE ATTITUDES EXIST AMONG PEOPLE

1. Que sera sera – Whatever will be will be.
2. Quitters – Why try? Nothing can be done.
3. Fighters – Those who refuse to give up.

I TIMOTHY 6:12

In order to overcome the challenges of living in a Satan-ruled fallen world, we too must possess the spirit of a fighter.

1. Jesus did – **JOHN 16:33**
2. Paul did – **2 TIMOTHY 4:7-8**
3. We must – **1 JOHN 5:4** – We must fight, lay hold and confess.

FAITH IN THE WORD

ECCLESIASTES 3:1-2; 7:17; PSALMS 55:23; PSALMS 118:17

Life and death are compared to planting and harvesting. Birth is referred to as spring and death is referred to as fall. One can be harvested before his due season and live out only half his days by living a life of disobedience. This is called premature death or death before the fruit fully matures.

FAITH IN THE SPIRIT OF GOD

ROMANS 8:11-17, 26-39

1. Jesus said it was more important for the Spirit to come than for Him to stay. **JOHN 16:7**
2. We are living in the dispensation of the Spirit. **JOHN 14:15-18 (AMPC)**
 - A. "Comforter" is "Paraclete."
 - Comforter. He contributes to our overall well being.
 - Counselor. He offers guidance and advice.
 - Helper. He provides assistance.
 - Advocate. He looks out for our best interests.
 - Intercessor. He intervenes on our behalf.
 - Strengtheners. He helps us become stronger.
 - Standby. He stands ready to be deployed.
 - B. He takes the place of Jesus. **JOHN 14:16**
 - "Another" means one of the same kind.
 - We are commanded to receive Him, be constantly filled with Him, and maintain a dynamic meaningful relationship with Him. **JOHN 7:37-39; EPHESIANS 5:17-20**
 - He's our ever present source of power and someone we can depend on, rely on, lean on and interact with.
3. Understanding what the will of God is.
 - A. That we turn to the Spirit to meet our emotional needs instead of food, alcohol, drugs, tobacco, pornography or gambling.
 - B. That we rely on this unseen yet very real combined presence within to meet our needs and concerns.
 - C. That we by faith acknowledge Him, confess Him, and turn to Him to empower us for service, provide grace in hard times, and lift us above feelings of inadequacy and hopelessness.

CONCLUSION: Which path will we choose: what will be, will be, the path of the quitter, or the fighter shouting "The greater one lives in me?"