

PUTTING TO DEATH

It's pretty amazing we can actually put to death the activities and deeds of self-life! The activities and deeds of the body are easily recognizable, tenaciously afflicting and predictably defeating. They are things we do that are contrary to walking by the Spirit. Worldly ways and methods are useless against the activities of the flesh; we can only address them through biblical processes.

Begin by reviewing the Activities of the Flesh, the Deeds of the Flesh and by reading Galatians 5:19-20. If you find yourself identifying with any of the deeds, begin to put them to death.

Here's how to direct the Spirit of God against them:

1. Recognize the ones that afflict you, and
2. Then pray.

In your prayer:

1. Acknowledge the activities and the deeds of the body that you struggle with.
2. Ask for forgiveness for the ones that have led you to sin.
3. Ask the Holy Spirit to protect you from them under the blood of Christ.
4. Then turn them over to the Holy Spirit one at a time, asking Him to put each one to death within you.

As you call them out (putting off your old self), in your brokenness, and place your faith in God to deal with them, He will empower you to overcome each of them (putting on your new self).

When we are candidates who are filled with the Spirit, actively choosing to walk by the Spirit, faith is our catalyst, the fuel that makes the engine go. And our faith is not something we have to manufacture; it's a faith in Christ that unleashes the power of God in us to live the life that He would have us live, moment by moment, a life that brings honor to Him, reflecting His glory back to Him.

*We know that we are walking in the Spirit when we—
and others—see Christ magnified in us.*