

I Liked The Way It Felt Getting Buzzed
The Rocky Forry Story
(Discipleship Lesson 15)

Read the entire lesson and then answer the questions that follow.

At the age of fifteen, I smoked my first joint. I was intrigued by the way pot made me feel. As time went by, I kept a bag of dope on me wherever I went. First thing in the morning, I needed that rush to start the day. Throughout the day, I took hits to keep me “buzzed.” This continued for fourteen years. I told people that I could quit whenever I wanted to, I just didn’t want to stop. When my baggie of drugs was low I became nervous and anxious. All I could think about was a way to get high. I couldn’t relax until my drugs were replenished. If drugs like coke, hash, and mescaline were available, I could not resist them. I was in bondage.

**Is your life a mess too? Do you have problems in your life
that are stopping you from going forward?
Have you ever asked,
“Is there a way to overcome my habits?”**

There was once a man who had come to a minister to inquire if there was any way that he could overcome his habits and addictions. When he was a young boy he had made a profession of faith in Christ but later had gotten in with the wrong crowd and could not break free from his addictions.

The minister told him that he had come to understand only half of the gospel, the gospel of forgiveness that results in wiping out the penalty of our sins. But Christ is also a living Savior that can save from the power of sin. When temptation comes, the minister encouraged him to go to Christ for the power to resist his sin. Sometime later the minister received a letter stating that he had found constant victory by going to and trusting the living Savior to deliver him from the power of his sins.

Friend, I have been free from drugs for the past seventeen years, all because there is a living Savior that we can go to for the power to deliver us from sin.

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Answer the following by reading the corresponding discipleship lesson and using your Bible.

1. Read Romans 7:22-23. “For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: [23] But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.” The problem we all face as believers is what the Apostle Paul describes as a L ___ o__ s____, which is in our members.

Definition: Watchman Nee described the law of sin as a law of defeat that works within us.

2. Read Romans 7:15. "For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I." How is the law of sin described in Romans 7:15?

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3. Read Romans 7:21. "I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me." How is the law of sin described in Romans 7:21?

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4. Read Galatians 5:17. "For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would." What is in conflict with each other?

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5. Read Galatians 5:16. "This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh." If we walk in the Spirit, that is, trust Him moment-by-moment for our deliverance from the law of sin, what will be the result?

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6. Read Galatians 5:19-21. "Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, [20] Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, [21] Envious, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God." If we do not depend upon the power of God's Spirit to deliver us, what kind of things will manifest in our lives?

7. Read Romans 8:2. "For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death." What deliverance is available from sin and its death?

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The law of gravity is always at work. However, the law of lift or aerodynamics can supersede gravity and allow a plane to fly. Does gravity still work against the plane? Oh yes, but the law of aerodynamics temporarily defies its power. We are weak and fail in our own strength (the law of sin), but we can succeed (have victory) when depending upon the Holy Spirit's power. If we focus on the Spirit of Christ and the things of Christ, then we will not be focusing on the things that cause us to sin.

8. Read Romans 8:6. "For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace." If the Holy Spirit is controlling your mind, you will have? _____.

9. Read Philippians 4:8. "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." What are we to think on? _____

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10. Read Romans 13:14. "But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof." We need to replace our negative thoughts with positive thoughts of Christ. What are we not to think about? _____.

11. Read 2 Corinthians 10:4. "For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds." When we continually give place to the flesh, we can develop what? _____.

12. Read Ephesians 6:12. "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." And Acts 10:38. "How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him." When we give place to the flesh and spiritual strongholds, we are inviting what kinds of problems to develop in our lives?

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"Many battles have been fought over whether or not a Christian can be demon possessed. The Greek word for 'possessed' is 'daimonizomai' and literally means 'to be demonized.' The Bible makes no clear distinction between degrees of demon activity (such as oppression, depression, possession, etc.), but simply refers to people as being 'demonized.' All Christians are fighting against spiritual powers ("For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places" Eph. 6:12), and if we don't take unto us the whole armor of God, Satan can certainly affect us or even control us" (LFT Bible Study Commentary, Andrew Wommack Ministries, p. 121). Demons take advantage of a human's freewill by making something evil look beautiful, attractive, desirable, and non-threatening. By so doing, humans let down their guards.

13. Read James 4:7. "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." Who should we submit our lives to? _____. What should we do about the devil? _____.

14. Read Mark 16:17. "And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues." What should we do about demons if the need arises? _____.

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(Discipleship Answer Key)

Do not look at the answer key until you have completed the questions.
Compare your answers with the following answers.

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Definition: Watchman Nee described the law of sin as a law of defeat that works within us.
2. Read Romans 7:15. How is the law of sin described in Romans 7:15?
As a will that wants to do right but absent of the power.
3. Read Romans 7:21. How is the law of sin described in Romans 7:21?
As the evil that is present with me.
4. Read Galatians 5:17. What is in conflict with each other?
The flesh and the Spirit.
5. Read Galatians 5:16. If we walk in the Spirit, that is, trust Him moment-by-moment for our deliverance from the law of sin, what will be the result?
We will not fulfill the desires of our flesh.
6. Read Galatians 5:19-21. If we do not depend upon the power of God's Spirit to deliver us, what kind of things will manifest in our lives?
Adultery, fornication (all kinds of sexual sins), uncleanness, lasciviousness (all kinds of lewd and lustful behavior), idolatry (worshipping created things more than God), witchcraft, hatred, variance (disputing and disagreements), emulations (to strive to excel over others), wrath (anger), strife, seditions (the attitude that says everyone else is wrong except those in our own little group), heresies (wrong doctrine), envy (jealously), murder, drunkenness, revellings (wild parties), and things like these.
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The Spirit of life that is in Christ Jesus.

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Life and peace.
9. Read Philippians 4:8. What are we to think on?
The things that are true, honorable, right, pure, lovely, admirable, excellent and worthy of praising God.
10. Read Romans 13:14. We need to replace our negative thoughts with positive thoughts of Christ. What are we not to think about?
The flesh and how to fulfill its lust.
11. Read 2 Corinthians 10:4. When we continually give place to the flesh, we can develop what? **Strongholds (a fortress for the works of the devil).**
12. Read Ephesians 6:12, and Acts 10:38. When we give place to the flesh and spiritual strongholds, we are inviting what kinds of problems to develop in our lives?
Demonic problems and oppression.
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13. Read James 4:7. Who should we submit our lives to? **God.**
What should we do about the devil? **Resist him.**
14. Read Mark 16:17. What should we do about demons if the need arises?
Cast them out.

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