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More Than...

Romans 8:37 (NIV)

³⁷ ... in all these things we are **MORE THAN** conquerors through him who loved us.

More Than... a Sinful Nature

Romans 8:5-12 (NIV)

⁵ Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires.

⁶ The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace;
⁷ the sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so.

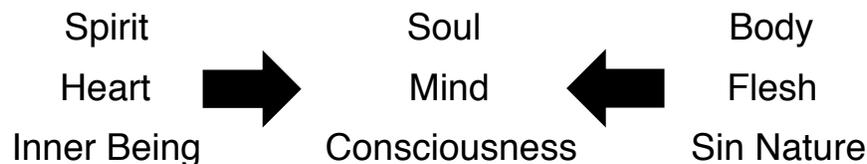
⁸ Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God.

⁹ You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ.

¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, yet your spirit is alive because of righteousness.

¹¹ And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you.

¹² Therefore, brothers (*and sisters*), we have an obligation--but it is not to the sinful nature, to live according to it.



A cultivated spiritual life accomplishes two vital things:

1. Growth in the knowledge of God's Truth
2. Strengthening of our spiritual life, our purpose, and our resolve.

Jeremiah 17:5-10 (NIV)

⁵ This is what the LORD says: "Cursed is the one who trusts in man, who depends on flesh for his strength and whose heart turns away from the LORD.

⁶ He will be like a bush in the wastelands; he will not see prosperity when it comes. He will dwell in the parched places of the desert, in a salt land where no one lives.

⁷ "But blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose confidence is in him.

⁸ He will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit."

⁹ The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?

¹⁰ "I the LORD search the heart and examine the mind, to reward a man according to his conduct, according to what his deeds deserve."

