

# THE STRUGGLE

“WHO IS YOUR MASTER”

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Read Romans 6:11-18

**1. Remember that \_\_\_\_\_ is your \_\_\_\_\_ master.**

**Mr. Sin is addictive** – he makes us his slave – we feel that we have to obey

**Mr. Sin is progressive** – he makes us go farther and farther (v. 19)

**Mr. Sin is lethal** - leads to death – kills everything it touches (v. 21)

**Mr. Sin is now powerless** – sin isn't your master (v. 14) – you are free (v. 18)

v. 11 – dead to sin

v. 12 – don't let sin reign

v. 13 – don't offer your body parts to sin (talk about this in a minute)

v. 14 – sin is not your master

v. 17 – you used to be slaves to sin

v. 18 – you are free from sin

Read Romans 6:19-23

**2. Remember that \_\_\_\_\_ is your \_\_\_\_\_ master.**

**Review:** We are baptized into Jesus – immersed, submerged, united with Him.

v. 19 – Now, offer your bodies to Jesus to serve Him.

v. 22 – Now, we are slaves of Jesus.

**ROMANS 6.7.8**

**3. Understand that you still have to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ master.**

v. 11 – “**Consider** yourselves dead to sin”

v. 12 – don't **LET** Mr. Sin reign – you have a choice!

v. 14 – sin shall not be your “master”

v. 16 – present yourselves as “slaves”

v. 13 and 19 – **Word Picture** – offer body parts (weapons)

- **Eyes** – used to look at whatever Mr. Sin put in front of you.
- **Hands** – used to do whatever Mr. Sin suggested.
- **Thoughts** – used to be full of lust, pride, greed, and anger.
- **Emotions** – used to be full of bitterness and depression.
- **Words** – used to be lying, cursing, and gossipy.
- **Ears** – used to listen to whatever kind of trashy music and humor.

**DESIRE + OPPORTUNITY = TEMPTATION**

**DESIRE + OPPORTUNITY + REPETITION =  
OVERWHELMING TEMPTATION**

**ZERO ACCESS IS THE KEY**

**4. Realize that your \_\_\_\_\_ master is \_\_\_\_\_ than your \_\_\_\_\_ master.**

v. 16 – Only 2 choices – Mr. Sin or Mr. Jesus.

v. 21 – “What benefit did you get from your old life?”

**Mr. Sin** will take you farther than you want to go.

**Mr. Sin** will teach you more than you want to know.

**Mr. Sin** will make you stay longer than you want to stay.

**Mr. Sin** will cost you more than you want to pay.

v. 23 - “The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.”



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