

INSIDE-OUT LIVING

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I. 2 Cor 4:16-18 - Inner Man vs. Outer Man Condition

A. Lose heart (faint not) – *egkakeo*

1. to **be** afraid, to **become** discouraged, to **become** weary or tired;
2. to **lose** one's motivation to accomplish a valid goal; Give up!

B. Outer Man - 5 sense realm - Temporary - reactive

C. Inner Man - Spirit realm - Eternal - proactive

II. John 3:1-6 –

A. Two Births Required: Born in the Earth (Outer) and Born From above (Inner)

1. **Gen 1:26** - 26 Then God said, Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.

III. Eph 2:1-5 – Why does the inner man need born again? Dead in trespasses and sins

A. Inner Man dead in sins

1. **Rom 5:12** 12 Therefore, just as **through one man** sin entered the world, and **death through sin**, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned —
2. **Gen 2:16-17** 16 And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; 17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil ***you shall not eat***, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

B. Adam's sin was not an outer man issue but an inner man issue.

C. God's Words are not suggestive RULES!

1. **John 6:63** 63 It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are ***spirit***, and they are ***life***.
2. **Deut 30:19** 19 I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you ***life*** and ***death***, blessing and cursing; therefore ***choose life***, that both you and your descendants may live;
3. **Rom 6:23** 23 For the wages of ***sin*** is ***death***, but the gift of ***God*** is eternal ***life*** in Christ Jesus our Lord.
4. **Prov 18:21** 21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue, And those who love it will eat its fruit.

