

**Women of Courage**  
**August 21, 2024**  
**The Mental Health of the Believer**  
**“The War”**

**KJV**

**Rom 7:23** - But **G1161** I see **G991** another **G2087** law **G3551** in **G1722** my **G3450** members, **G3196** warring against **G497** the **G3588** law **G3551** of my **G3450** mind, **G3563** and **G2532** bringing me into captivity **G163** **G3165** to the **G3588** law **G3551** of sin **G266** which is **G5607** in **G1722** my **G3450** members. **G3196**

**ESV**

**Rom 7:23** - but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.

**NIV**

**Rom 7:23** - but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me.

**Law – is usually defined as a “rule of action”. It is properly a precept or command coming from a superior authority, which an inferior is bound to obey. An inward principle of action, good (function) or evil (dysfunction).**

**Wuest Commentary**

**I see a power to legislate, of a different kind (different from the law of Jehovah) which asserts itself in my members, making war on the law of my mind. The law of my mind is identical with the law of Jehovah. Paul does not see in his nature two normal modes in which certain forces operate: he see’s two authorities saying to him, do this, and the higher succumbing to the lower. As the lower prevails, it leads him captive to the law of sin.**

**Jammison-Faucet-Brown Commentary**

**When the apostle says he “sees” the one of these principles “warring against” the other, and “bringing him into captivity” to itself, *he is not referring to any actual rebellion going on within him while he was writing, or to any captivity to his own lusts then existing.* He is simply describing the two conflicting principles, and**

pointing out what is the inherent property of each to aim at bringing about.

When the apostle describes himself as “*brought into captivity*” by the triumph of the sinful principle of his nature, he clearly speaks in the person of a *renewed man*. Men do not feel themselves to be in captivity in the territories of their own sovereign and associated with their own friends, breathing a congenial atmosphere, and acting quite spontaneously. But here the apostle describes himself, when drawn under the power of his sinful nature, as forcibly seized and reluctantly dragged to his enemy’s camp, from which he would gladly make his escape. This ought to settle the question, whether he is here speaking as a regenerate man or the reverse.

When the Lord makes plain to the man the width and depth of *his instructions*, he needs a “renewing of the *mind*” ([Rom 12:2](#)) if he is to say with truth, “*I delight in the Law;*” verse 22, “*I myself with my mind serve it.*”

### John Gill Commentary

“By the law of his mind” – The law of Jehovah which he delighted in and served with his mind. By a renewed nature (mind – Romans 12:2). It is the governing principle, which reigns, and will reign in every regenerate person, unto eternal life. The law of Sin opposes it. It is contrary to it, lusts against it, wars against it, and commits acts of hostility against it. The state of a regenerate person is a warfare, they have many enemies to combat, as Satan and the world. Those of their own household, within themselves (their minds). The will of rebellion and the will of Jehovah combating together. True is the saying of the Jews: As long as the righteous live, they are at war with the corruption of their nature”.

## **Romans 7:16**

If then I do that which I would not, etc. - Knowing that the law (instruction) of Jehovah condemns it, and that therefore it must be evil (dysfunction). I consent unto the law of Jehovah; I show by this circumstance that I acknowledge the law to be good.

Verse 7:16 – “Consent” – sumphemi – G4852 – to say jointly that is, assent to – denoting union with or together – To show or make known one’s thoughts, that is speak or say – affirm.

Verse 7:18 – “Present” – par-ak`-i-mahee – G3873 – to lie near or beside – be at hand – lie outstretched.

Verse 7:18 – “Perform” kat-er-gad`-zom-ahee – to work fully, that is accomplish, by implication, finish, cause (deed).

Verse 7:18 – “To Will” – thelo – G2309 – Literally “the being constantly desirous”.

**Rom 7:20** - Now **G1161** if **G1487** I **G1473** do **G4160** that **G5124** I (**G3739**) would **G2309** not, **G3756** it is no more **G3765** I **G1473** that do **G2716** it, **G846** but **G235** sin **G266** that dwelleth **G3611** in **G1722** me. **G169**

If I continue in the rebellion of my mind (the carnal man) and let the rebellion take full growth (James 1:15). Then it has taken me captive & begins to rule in my mind and brings death.

**Jas 1:13** - Let no man **G3367** say **G3004** when he is tempted, **G3985** I am tempted **G3985** of **G575** God: **G2316** for **G1063** God **G2316** cannot be tempted **G2076** **G551** with evil, **G2556** neither **G1161** tempteth **G3985** he **G848** any man: **G3762**

**Jas 1:14** - But **G1161** every man **G1538** is tempted, **G3985** when he is drawn away **G1828** of **G5259** his own **G2398** lust, **G1939** and **G2532** enticed. **G1185**

**Jas 1:15** - Then **G1534** when lust **G1939** hath conceived, **G4815** it bringeth forth **G5088** sin: **G266** and **G1161** sin, **G266** when it is finished, **G658** bringeth forth **G616** death. **G2288**

## Conceive - G4815

συλλαμβάνω

sullambanō

*sool-lam-ban'-o*

From **G4862** and **G2983**; to *clasp*, that is, *seize (arrest, capture)*; specifically to *conceive* (literally or figuratively); by implication to *aid*: - catch, conceive, help, take.

## Conceive - G4862

σύν

sun

*soon*

A primary preposition denoting *union*; *with* or *together* (but much closer than G3326 or G3844), that is, by association, companionship, process, resemblance, possession, instrumentality, addition, etc.: - beside, with. In compounds it has similar applications, including *completeness*.

Verse 7:21 – “Do” – poy-eh`-o – Obsolete primary; to make or do (in a very wide application, more or less direct) abide, + agree, appoint, x avenge, + band together, be, bear, bring (forth) cast out, cause, commit.

Verse 7:22 – “Inward” – G1519 – to or into (indicating the point reached or entered) of place or time, or (figuratively) purpose (result, etc) to the intent that + of one mind + set at one again – expressing motion.

Verse 7:22 – “Delight” – G4913 – to rejoice in with oneself. Feel satisfaction concerning.

Verse 7:22 – “Delight” – G4862 – A primary preposition denoting union with or together. That is, by association, companionship, process, resemblance, possession beside. In compounds it has similar applications including completeness.

### KJV

**2Co 10:3** - For<sup>G1063</sup> though we walk<sup>G4043</sup> in<sup>G1722</sup> the flesh,<sup>G4561</sup> we do not<sup>G3756</sup> war<sup>G4754</sup> after<sup>G2596</sup> the flesh:<sup>G4561</sup>

**2Co 10:4** - (For<sup>G1063</sup> the<sup>G3588</sup> weapons<sup>G3696</sup> of our<sup>G2257</sup> warfare<sup>G4752</sup> are not<sup>G3756</sup> carnal,<sup>G4559</sup> but<sup>G235</sup> mighty<sup>G1415</sup> through God<sup>G2316</sup> to<sup>G4314</sup> the pulling down<sup>G2506</sup> of strong holds;)<sup>G3794</sup>

**2Co 10:5** - Casting down<sup>G2507</sup> imaginations,<sup>G3053</sup> and<sup>G2532</sup> every<sup>G3956</sup> high thing<sup>G5313</sup> that exalteth itself<sup>G1869</sup> against<sup>G2596</sup> the<sup>G3588</sup> knowledge<sup>G1108</sup> of God,<sup>G2316</sup> and<sup>G2532</sup> bringing into captivity<sup>G163</sup>

every **G3956** thought **G3540** to **G1519** the **G3588** obedience **G5218** of Christ; **G5547**

#### NIV

**Co 10:3** - For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does.

**2Co 10:4** - The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.

**2Co 10:5** - We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

#### KJV

**2Ti 1:7** - For **G1063** God **G2316** hath not **G3756** given **G1325** us **G2254** the spirit **G4151** of fear; **G1167** but **G235** of power, **G1411** and **G2532** of love, **G26** and **G2532** of a sound mind. **G4995**

#### NIV

**2Ti 1:7** - For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.