

## Two ways of servitude

*“I speak in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness.” (Romans 6:19)*

I speak to you in a language that people usually speak among each other, or I give you an example from every day life, so that you could understand me better.

Why do I do that?

Well, I do that because of the weakness of the human old nature and the fleshly thinking, which is the enemy of power and strength.

The human flesh describes the corrupt human passions or not handling spiritual knowledge or the understanding of it correctly.

Because of our imperfection in understanding of the full spiritual truth, our spirit gets darkened and weakened.

The flesh becomes a sinful passion that blinds our spiritual eyes completely, in a way that we cannot discern light from dark anymore.

The flesh creates servants of uncleanness.

These live in captivity as slaves of everything that is unclean and polluted.

With the word ‘uncleanness’ I point to every way of living that is lived out beyond Gods norms. Because many claim to know God, but do not glorify Him, and many claim to know the Son, but their tongue doesn’t thank Him.

Their way of thinking has become proud and vain.

Their heart teaches dark thoughts.

They present themselves as people who speak the truth, but their hearts only contain letters that spread foolishness.

They have changed the glory and honor, which only belongs to be given to God, into a picture of self exalting and vain people, according the picture of the old serpent, which is a picture of riches and its sign.

Its unrighteousness, because of the transgression of Gods laws, is has become unrighteous.

Their lives show series of acts and excesses, and they do them in abundance and without any shame.

Therefore it would be good for these Christians that they have themselves reminded by the Spirit of God to everything Jesus ever spoke and will speak to them, and to prove this with the written Word.

Then they will wake up from their sleep and turn back to the living God with thanksgiving.

They will humbly kneel before Him, and ask for His strength in order to understand His truth, and to live a life for His honor.

Finally they will practice holiness in Christ in every day life.

Let therefore your life be a light that is seen in the world as upright holiness and goodness that comes from God.

Not like an artificial darkened light of legalistic rules and yokes that you try to put on other people.

**The illustration of the metaphor:**

For you, who are changed and baptized in Christ, you surrendered completely to sin. Now that you have a new life in Christ you need to surrender yourself completely to Him in honor to His Father.

If everybody who call themselves Christian, would focus their energy fully on the living out and preaching of the Kingdom of God, with the same level of energy as they used to live when they lived in darkness, then the church would show forth a great dignity, so great that revival wouldn't be stoppable. Every street or village, every country or nation, yes even the whole world would see the revival shine as a bright light.

Many will see this metaphor as an extreme judging; still it's an every day example among people who call themselves Christians.

But if we would fully understand this, we would be overwhelmed by sadness and whining, because we would understand how deep we are fallen.

Most of our strength and energy we put in the world and Satan's business, and just in a small part in God's service, what would be a pleasing sacrifice would be.

**The argument:**

An argument to bend our daily energy in the right direction is what Paul explains in the letter to the Romans 6:19

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Paul shows clearly what our arguments should be to live a holy and God fearing life with our energy and strength, a good example that illustrates where our responsibility and power in servitude is.

In what and how much do we invest our strength in?  
In the world or in de Kingdom of God?

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