

Thought Precedes Decision, Holy Spirit Energizes Action; Romans 7:20 Intro

However, this only constitutes potential for divine-good production.

Utilization of the two power options eventuates in the development of capacity for divine-good production. Decisions to execute facilitated wheel-tracks of righteousness result in several areas of divine good production:

1. Application of the ten problem-solving devices to resolve the exigencies of life.
2. The ability to make good decisions from a position of strength thus broadening your future options.
3. Facilitation of the neural network develops greater capacity for continued spiritual growth.
4. Development of wisdom qualifies the believer to endure evidence testing.

God honors our loyalty to truth under pressure by means of rewards and blessings: escrow blessings in time which are parlayed into escrow blessing for all eternity. It is in this environment that the battles of the Angelic Warfare are carried out.

The inner battle is tenacious since the first husband is still alive in our members. His desire to win back his first wife causes him to wage siege warfare on the believer's volition. The two husbands remain in a constant struggle for control over the believer's soul. The will of God is frustrated in the life of the believer by the function of the sinful nature and it is advanced by the function of the Holy Spirit.

Only divine policy—wheel-tracks of righteousness—learned and applied under the power of the Holy Spirit—enables the believer to do the will of God. Doctrinal thought must precede all decisions. The power of the Holy Spirit must energize all actions.

“For the intrinsic good I desire, I do not do, but the evil which I do not desire, this I keep on practicing.”
Romans 7:20 Paul's *Ménage à Trois*, the Sinful Nature's Coup d'état

Romans 7:20 begins with the post positive conjunctive particle: *de* - Used in the transitional sense, therefore translated, “Now.” This is accompanied by the conjunctive particle: *ei* - “if.” When the verb is in the indicative mood—which indicates a statement of fact—then you have the introduction of a protasis of a first-class condition: the supposition is viewed from the standpoint of reality. The verb is the present active indicative of: *poieo* - “I am doing.”

present - Progressive of description; Indicates action that is now going on. Also called the pictorial present since it presents to the mind a picture of events in the process of occurrence.

Again, the present tense emphasizes the function of facilitated wheel-tracks of wickedness. But in addition to that a very important principle must be added to the situation: Paul says that he is doing something which he does not desire to do.

Principle: It is impossible for the human body to take an action which is not, first of all, decided upon and, secondly, initiated by stimuli from the soul's volition.

All actions must be preceded by thought and decision followed by positive signals to the cerebral cortex before the brain can activate any wheel-track. Consequently, when Paul says, “I am doing,” it indicates that he has personally made a decision to activate a memory trace which runs counter to advice offered by the marriage Counselor of the new marriage, the Holy Spirit.

Here is the sequence: The sinful nature, seeks to regain control of Paul's soul but its sovereignty has been lost to Paul's volition. In order to regain sovereign control, the sinful nature must manipulate Paul into sinning.

The first husband therefore sends in his SWAT Team, ten agent provocateurs known as the Lust Pattern. Temptations are vectored out of Wernicke's area and old wheel-tracks of wickedness are recalled into his conscious mind. Paul considers the proposition and his volition faces a challenge to submit to the temptation or utilize the Holy Spirit's power to override it.