**HEART TO HEART**/A word of hope and encouragement by Mennie Morrison

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**DIE DAILY PART I**

Greetings to you in the wonderful name of our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ. The title of our devotional this month is “**Die Daily**”. You may be wondering, how is it possible for me to live and **die daily**. Well, the dying I am referring to is not a natural death but rather a spiritual death, drying to our carnal, fleshly nature. With this clarification in mind, we will see what the Word of God has to say about dying in this manner.

First let’s establish that this type of dying is specifically geared to a born again, blood washed Christ follower. When we become born again (born from above), our spirit man is reborn into the image and likeness of Jesus. However, in order for us to become more like Jesus in our body and soul which was not born again as our spirit, we must die daily. The first scripture reference will be **John 3:1-8** which is a very familiar scripture of Jesus and Nicodemus’ conversation about this ruler being born again by the Spirit of God.

Once you become born again, the dying process should begin. We should be dying to our sinful, carnal nature so that the new life in Christ can come forth. In **John 12:24(AMP)** it says*: I assure you and most solemnly say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone [just one grain, never more]. But if it dies, it produces much grain and yields a harvest.* So, spiritually speaking in order to live unto Christ, we must die to our self (our carnal, fleshy nature). The dying process has to happen in our carnal nature in order for us to produce fruit and live.

In closing, we will look at several more scriptures regarding this process of **dying daily**. **Romans 8:12-14 (AMP)** is a powerful illustration of what I am trying to relay in this teaching. Let’s read it: *12 So then, [*[*a*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=romans+8%3A12-14&version=AMP#fen-AMP-28129a)*]brothers and sisters, we have an obligation, but not to our flesh [our human nature, our worldliness, our sinful capacity], to live according to the [impulses of the] flesh [our nature without the Holy Spirit]— 13 for if you are living according to the [impulses of the] flesh, you are going to die. But if [you are living] by the [power of the Holy] Spirit you are habitually putting to death the sinful deeds of the body, you will [really] live forever. 14 For all who are allowing themselves to be led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.*

Lastly, we will conclude this part of our teaching still in the book of **Romans chapter 7:13-25**. This is an amazing account of Paul speaking to the church at Rome. Here he is letting us know in these scriptures that it is so necessary and important to **die daily** to our carnal, fleshly nature and it is only possible through the power of the Holy Spirit. Paul is saying that the things we desire not to do as a believer, we find ourselves doing and the things that are pleasing to God we often find ourselves not doing because we are not **dying daily**. But, in the name of Jesus, I make a declaration that with the Holy Spirit’s help I will **die daily**. **What About You?** Please join us again next month for part II of the powerful teaching.