

Nous, Primary Target of the Sinful Nature's Assaults

nous - "mind."

This is the staging area for volitional consideration of doctrinal truth. The Holy Spirit takes truth and teaches it to the believer's human spirit where principles of supernatural thought are brought to human understanding.

Neurology teaches us that in the human brain all incoming information is processed in the association cortex of the cerebral cortex. This we have described in our studies of the Grace Apparatus for Perception as academic understanding or *gnosis*.

It is here that human volition must consider the information and make a decision as to whether to believe it or reject it. It is obvious therefore that this juncture in the growth process is the most vulnerable for the advancing believer. If a weakness can be exploited to prevent the acceptance of divine truth, then a battle has been won and the campaign continues.

nous

Academic understanding is susceptible to challenge by the first husband. Doctrine here is not metabolized and thus ineffective in battling wheel-tracks of wickedness.

kardia

Only possible area for spiritual growth. The only place where doctrine can put up an effective defense against the first husband's assaults.

The battle against the lust pattern is not won in the association cortex, it is won in the stream of consciousness under the enabling power of the Holy Spirit. There is no supernatural power associated with knowledge located in the *nous*.

Doctrine found there is simply *gnosis* doctrine academically understood. The Holy Spirit has succeeded in making it understandable to you, but He has not yet transferred it into long-term memory traces.

Whether or not that occurs is contingent upon your volitional acceptance of the information as divine truth. As long as it remains *gnosis* it is ineffective in defending the soul against the attacks of the first husband.

gnosis under assault from the agent provocateurs will be defeated every time.

This is why you are constantly distracted from Bible class, from making good decisions, and from effectively solving your problems.