

Imagine you're facing an enemy on the battlefield who enjoyed a good night's sleep, a hearty breakfast, and a personal escort to the most strategic position on the battlefield. And here's the worst part—you provided all those things! Sounds absurd, doesn't it? What kind of lunatic makes provision for his enemies and gives them that kind of advantage? Think about that. Isn't it true that so often, instead of weakening sin by cutting off all provision, we strengthen and empower sin, by giving it occasion to take root and grow strong?

“But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.” (Romans 13:14).

“If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming. In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth.” (Colossians 3:1-8)

We make choices every single day that either will weaken or empower sin in our lives. And the outcome of each day's battle is - what provision are we making to either fight against or else fight for sin? It is difficult and hard many times to fight against sin and not allow it to even gain the smallest foothold in our hearts and lives, but we **MUST** fight or else we will be overrun, and many thousands of Christians today are lying wounded and half-dead on the battlefield, because they stopped fighting against the sins in their lives and chose instead to just let them have whatever part of their lives sin wants to have.