

16. When an individual has been truly converted, what new traits of character will be seen in his life? *Galatians 5:22-25*.

The Bible Says: _____
_____ (Verses 22, 23).

How many times we have failed in following the Saviour as we should. Many of us have tried so very hard to do right, only to fail miserably. Our intentions were good, but we were trying to do good without God's help. We were still carnal and sinful in nature. We were controlled by passions and habits acquired before we knew God's plan of redemption. Without Jesus our hearts cannot be changed. We can never overcome the devil in our own strength.

It is only as we put our lives in the hands of Christ that we can gain the victory over past sins. It is only through Him that we can live the victorious Christian life.

So many have said, "When I overcome this habit, or gain the victory over that sin, then I will accept the Lord and become a Christian." This is like the sick person saying, "When I get well I will go to the doctor and let him help me." The time to come to Christ for help is when you recognize your need. Give Him your heart today and know the joy and peace that comes to you as you become a new creature in Him. You can do this by dropping to your knees just now and letting Him take control of your life. If you do not know how to come to Christ, just repeat these simple words as an expression of your heart's sincere desire: "Dear Lord, I am weak, I have sinned. Please forgive and help me. Come into my heart and change me just now. Amen."

Do you now accept Christ as your Saviour? ☐

Please pray for me. ☐

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About How You Can Become a New Person

***Always pray before opening your Bible.
Find the text in your Bible and write the answer.***

Some time ago the newspapers reported the story of a young girl who had raised a panther as a pet. It was only a few days old when it was given to her. The girl was very kind to this pet, and the two of them spent many hours together in play.

As the panther grew larger and older, the girl was warned of the danger of having this wild animal for a pet. She had almost grown up with the panther and was certain that the animal would never harm her. She claimed that all the wild traits of this particular cat had been eliminated by its constant association with humans.

Then one day the girl cut her finger as she was playing with the animal. The panther licked the blood from the wound. In a matter of a few seconds this kind, gentle playmate became a ravenous beast. Knocking its mistress to the ground, it viciously chewed and clawed her. The girl made the painful discovery that her panther still had the nature of a wild animal.

This illustrates the nature of man. Man is born with a sinful nature. It is much easier for him to do that which is wrong and sinful than that which is good and right. Education and training may develop some outward traits of good behavior, but the inherited evil nature will remain.

The kind father and thoughtful husband can become a raging maniac when he has had a few drinks. Psychologists tell us that these outbreaks are due to hidden and repressed drives that are held in check by