

THE OLD COVENANT

1. The law kills. *2/17-19*
To depend on everything coming from yourself in response to the demand of the law produces 'death,' i.e., fears, frustration, worry, hostility, loneliness, depression, self-pity
2. The OC is **doing things** keeping rules and regulations - it is written on tablets of stone
3. The OC produces a sense of **CONDEMNATION & GUILT**
When we do our work depending on ourselves, our strength, abilities, gifts etc. It is never **enough**, and the result is sheer exhaustion and burn-out.
4. **GLORY WHICH FADES**
Dedicated activity gives us a certain self-approval for awhile, it is exciting and attractive at first, but it "fades away" and we lose our first love! We become frustrated, exhausted and depressed as we function in the flesh.

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1. The Spirit gives life *Rom 8:2*
Everything coming from God Produces 'life' in our walk and ministry, i.e., love, joy, peace, gentleness long suffering, goodness, faith, humility and self-control
2. The NC is **in people** the concern is BEING God's reconciler - ambassador - witness. God's laws are written on our heart by the Spirit
3. The NC produces a sense of **BEING ACCEPTED AND EMPOWERED** by God. No longer troubled with our own inadequacy, we depend on God and ministry is not a struggle. Therefore, we can enthusiastically reach others and disciple them.
4. **SURPASSING PERMANENT GLORY**
As we depend on Christ to meet the demands laid on us we find He refreshes our spirit constantly so that we minister with unflagging zeal - our vitality and enthusiasm will be undiminished and we will not become "weary in well doing." *II Cor. 3:17-18*