

Rivers of Living Water

in the innermost spirit. Is that sin? God says it is.

"Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts; and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom. Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me" (Ps. 51:6, 10).

"Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God" (II Cor. 7:1).

Let us face a few simple tests and see if we have been "cleansed from all filthiness of the spirit." You used to lose your temper and give way to violent outburst; now there is a large measure of outward control, but a great residue of inward irritation and secret resentment. Is that real victory?

Some one says something unkind or unjust to you; you do not answer back and outwardly you appear polite, but inwardly you are angry, and say to yourself, "I'd like to give her a piece of my mind!" Is that freedom from sin?

A sixteen-year-old girl came to a meeting once, where we were speaking of complete victory in Christ. She lived with a cantankerous aunt who was quite addicted to scolding. The girl often tried her aunt's patience by being late home from school. When scolded for it, she always answered back. She went from the