

## In Step With The Holy Spirit Pt.1

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### Galatians 5:16-26

16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.

17 For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.

18 But if you are led (lead, bring, carry, conduct) by the Spirit, you are not under the law (legislated righteousness by self-discipline).

19 Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality,

20 idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions,

21 envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

24 And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.

26 Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

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*Walking by the Spirit is walking in and by the power of the Holy Spirit; it is walking by God's power far beyond your own strength and ability, lifting you above the power and bondage of temptation and sin. When you're not walking by the Spirit, spiritually you default to the depravity of the flesh.*

*The flesh is not crucified by direct attack (rigorous self-discipline, asceticism) but rather by neglect and lack of opportunity. Every moment spent walking in the Spirit weakens the power and the draw of the flesh. We become too busy walking by the Spirit to entertain temptation and sin.*

*We are responsible for having our flesh crucified, but it's not by our own efforts nor in our ability.*

### Galatians 5:24

"And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires."

### Romans 8:13

"For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if BY THE SPIRIT you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live."

### HOW TO "Walk by the Spirit"

- **PREPARATION** - *without it we lose the battle with sin every time*

*Matthew 6:33-34*

33 But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.  
34 "Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

2 Timothy 2:4-5

4 No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him.  
5 An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules.

- **CONCENTRATION** (meditation) - to exercise the heart and mind against the distractions

Romans 8:5 "..."those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit."

2 Corinthians 10:5 "..."take every thought captive to obey Christ."

- **COMMUNION** - to engage, active 2-way communication

John 15:7 "If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you."

James 4:2 "..."ye have not, because ye ask not."

- **DEPENDENCE** - to draw upon, NO draw - NO power

Proverbs 3:5-6

5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.  
6 In all your ways acknowledge (yada - know) him, and he will make straight your paths.

Hebrews 4:16

"Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need."

- **SURRENDER** - to abandon self, conscious and deliberate submission

Romans 6:16

"Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness?"

- **PATIENCE** - let God do the work, fruit is not instantaneous

Galatians 5:5-6

5 For through the Spirit, by faith, we ourselves eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness.  
6 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love.