



# **Living in the Spirit**

**Galatians 5:16-26**

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**16** I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. **17** For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish.

## **Galatians 5:16-26** (NKJV)

**<sup>18</sup> But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.**

**<sup>19</sup> Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness,**

**<sup>20</sup> idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies,**

## Galatians 5:16-26 (NKJV)

<sup>21</sup> envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told *you* in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

## Galatians 5:16-26 (NKJV)

**22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.** **24 And those *who are* Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.**

## **Galatians 5:16-26** (NKJV)

**25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. <sup>26</sup> Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.**

# 1. The Conflict

**17 For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another,**

Our natural instinct is to make our own plans and go our own way - we are often unwilling to follow the path Christ has set out before us -

# 1. The Conflict

## Desires Of The Flesh

Look in upon ourself

Be independent

Help our self

Use only our natural  
resources to do things

Do what I want

I matter most

## Desires Of The Spirit

Look to the Lord

Be dependent upon Him

Let God enable you

Use the resources of the  
Holy Spirit

Do what Jesus wants

God matters most

## **2. Our Condition**

**21...that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.**

**The list of our practices is long and covers it all, and we see if we continue hope for heaven is not possible.**

**God's grace through Christ bring us that hope.**

## **2. Our Condition**

**21...that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.**

**The Christian is not told to cleanse himself from the flesh but from "the lust of the flesh."**

**We are in this world and being here we will have trouble with the lusts as long as we are in the flesh.**

### **3. The Components**

**22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.**

**These two verses are a series of messages coming to Sunday morning after we finish our study of Galatians.**

### **3. The Components**

**22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.**

**The believer is to walk bearing God's nature, that is, the fruit of God's Spirit.**

**Note that the word "fruit" is singular, not plural.**

## 4. Our Command

**25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.**

**The believer is to walk consistently with his position in Christ.**

**The Spirit is placed in us to guide and direct the us day by day.**

**If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.**

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**<sup>26</sup> Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.**

**Last week**

**Galatians 5:14-15 (NKJV)**

**<sup>14</sup> For all the law is fulfilled in one word, *even in this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."***

**<sup>15</sup> But if you bite and devour one another, beware lest you be consumed by one another!**

# **Living in the Spirit**

**Release the desires of the flesh**

**This morning allow the Spirit of  
God and His fruit flow through  
your life.**