



WELCOME

Lesson 8

Walk by the Spirit

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- 1. Keep walking = Live by the Spirit (5:16)**
- 2. Pick a leader = Be led by the Spirit (5:18)**
- 3. Follow the Leader = Keep in step with the Spirit (5:25)**





1. Keep walking = Live by the Spirit

Galatians 5:16 *“So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.”*

Implies:

- Progress
- Effort
- Consistency
- Difficulty

**Question: If I don't keep those rules and rituals,
how do I please God?**





The answer is, “You walk in the Spirit.”

To do this we must:

Humble Ourselves

Micah 6:8 *“He has shown you, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to **walk humbly** with your God.”*

Pray

Psalm 51:10 *“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me”*

Believe

Romans 6:14 *“Sin is no longer your master, for you no longer live under the requirements of the law. Instead, you live under the freedom of God’s grace”*

Question: So then how do you crucify the flesh?





Answer:

You turn your eyes, fix your eyes, and look upon Jesus.

Hebrews 12:1-2 "Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles."




And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.”

“The natural life is not spiritual, and it can be made spiritual only through sacrifice. If we do not purposely sacrifice the natural, the supernatural can never become natural to us.”

Oswald Chambers





2. Pick a leader = Be led by the Spirit

Galatians 5:18 *“But when you are directed (willingly led) by the Spirit, you are not under obligation to the law of Moses.”*

Question is: By what power did Jesus render this perfect loving obedience?





The answer is, The Spirit of the Lord will rest on Him.

*Isaiah 11:2 A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. **The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him**— the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord— and he will delight in the fear of the Lord.*

- Isaiah 61:1- *“**The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the afflicted; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to captives and freedom to prisoners; to proclaim the favorable year of the Lord and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn.**”*
- Luke 4:1 **“Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil.”**

- Acts 10:37-38 *“You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached— how **God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power**, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.”*

Question: What does being led by the Spirit look like?





The answer is,

- **Living in constant fellowship and communion with the Spirit of God.**
- **The desire to hear and the readiness to obey.**
- **We need to seek for willingness and obedience to follow His leading.**



3. Follow the Leader = Keep in step with the Spirit

Galatians 5:25 "Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit."

- We do not march alone
- Maintains unity



“There are those who have a life they never live. They have come to Christ and thanked Him only for what He did but do not live in the power of who He is now. Between the Jesus who ‘was’ and the Jesus who ‘will be’, they live in a spiritual vacuum trying, with no little zeal, to live for Christ a life that only He can live in and through them. Perpetually begging, for what, in Him, they already have.”

Ian Thompson