

**SANCTIFIED
WALKING**

GALATIANS 5: 16-26

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Sanctified Walking.

If the goal is Christ likeness, if the goal is pleasing the Father, if the goal is sanctification; being set aside for the purposes of holy living before God then to **Walk In The Spirit** is the only way.

The bible dramatically and pointedly gives to us the understanding that there are only 2 ways to live, actually **1 real way**, and another, all be it, a very popular way, yet none the less an Impostor. To walk by the Spirit or to walk by the flesh.

Galatians 5:16 - 23.

- 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.
- 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.
- 19 Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness,

- 20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions,
jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish
ambitions, dissensions, heresies,
- 21 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.
- 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 verses draw the battle lines for us; on one side is to be led by the Spirit and - on the other side is the works of the flesh.

Galatians 3:2-3.

2 This only I want to learn from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?

3 Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by the flesh?

Jeremiah 31:31 - 33.

31 “Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah—

32 not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the LORD.

33 But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

The Law of God is no longer to be an external pressure which we must live up to & to perform, instead it becomes an internal motivation.

Not a - **you have to** BUT a - **you get to**.

Not a - **you had better** BUT a - **desire of the heart** that makes me want to.

Ezekiel 36: 26 & 27.

26 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

27 I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.

16 I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

Romans 13:13	"Walk in purity."
2 Corinthians 5:7	"Walk in faith."
Ephesians 2:10	"Walk in good works."
Ephesians 4:2-3	"Walk in humility."
Ephesians 5:2-3	"Walk in love."

The book of Ephesians also tells us to walk in light and to walk in wisdom. AND

3 John tells us to: "Walk in truth."

Don't you dare try and be like Jesus on your own, or by your own efforts. That would only destine you and me for failure & frustration.

16 ... 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.

We can not bring human solutions to this spiritual problem.

Spiritual problems require spiritual solutions.

I need a power in my life that is greater than the demands of my flesh to live a victorious Christian life.

17 ... so that you do not do the things that you wish.

We could come up with a thousand Self-Help answers to your problem, but the bible only gives one; “Walk In The Spirit.”

18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

Catch the difference -- if you are being led by the Spirit of God, step by step, choice by choice in your life you are not under some human, flesh generated solution to your problems.

19 Now the works of the flesh are evident,
which are: adultery, fornication,
uncleanness, lewdness,

The bible tells us what is true about us
and has been true about us since Adam & Eve.

We are fallen people living in a fallen
world in need of a Savior.

20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions,
jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish
ambitions, dissensions, heresies,
21 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.

To live by the flesh as your standard of
operation, as your norm, routine, your practice of
life -- those who practice such things will not
inherit the Kingdom of God.

22 But the fruit of the Spirit...

...In one corner we have -- The Works of the flesh AND in the other we have -- the fruit of the Spirit.

...Flesh Factory or Garden of Fruit, which do I want?

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.

Fruit isn't achieved by **working**, but is
birthed by **abiding**. Fruit is fragile. Fruit
reproduces itself. Fruit is attractive. Fruit
nourishes.

24 And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

Matthew 16:24 ... "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me."

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

The idea here is that we who have been given life by the Spirit should have lives that line up with the Holy Spirit.

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

1st:-- He reveals His will to us through the Bible.

2 Timothy 3:16

16 All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right.

17 God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.

2nd:-- He influences us through others who walk in the Spirit.

3rd:-- He influences us through an inner direction that we become more and more tuned into as we mature in Jesus.

4th:-- Prayer.

Philippians 2:13 . . .for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.

John 15:1-8

- 1 “I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser.
- 2 Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit.
- 3 You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.
- 4 Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.

- 5 “I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.
- 6 If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned.
- 7 If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.
- 8 By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.