

⁶ 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 by the Spirit, you are not under the law. (Galatians 5:16-18)



We Live Free When We Walk By the Spirit

God has given His children the Holy Spirit.

"By the Spirit keep walking".

There is a Battle Going On Inside of Us



The flesh and the Spirit have competing agendas.

The flesh is concerned about pleasing self.

The Spirit seeks to please the Lord.

The flesh is about the moment;

The Spirit sees the big picture.

The flesh is selfish;

The Spirit is generous.

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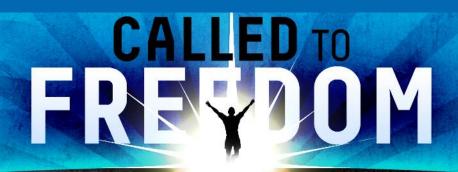
The flesh preys on the weakness of others; The Spirit celebrates the strengths of others.

The flesh sees freedom as indulgence, license, and no accountability;

The Spirit sees freedom as walking with the Lord the way we were designed to walk.



¹⁴ For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. ¹⁵ For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. ¹⁷ So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸ For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.



²¹ So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. 22 For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, ²³ but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.²⁴ Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?²⁵ Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.



Strategies for Walking with the Spirit

First, You must be REBORN.

Second, we need to LEARN TO LISTEN.

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- Is there a promise to embrace?
- Is there a sin that needs to be confessed?
- Is there a truth that makes you appreciate God more fully?
- Is there something you are being nudged (or shoved) to do?
- Is there a question raised that you need to pursue?
- Is there a matter you need to stop and pray about?
- If you read scripture expecting to hear . . . you will.
- Listen for the nudges that come from God's Spirit.

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We must Serve Others.



