

KEEPING IN STEP WITH THE SPIRIT

GAL 5:25; EPH 5:18

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And don't get drunk with wine, which leads to reckless living, but be filled by the Spirit (CSB)

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Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit (NIV)

If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit (NRSV)

Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives (NLT)

God's Spirit has given us life, and so we should follow the Spirit (CEV)

If the Holy Spirit is living in us, let us be led by Him in all things (NLV)

Since it is through the Spirit that we have Life, let it also be through the Spirit that we order our lives day by day (CJB)

Gal 3:3 (NLT)

How foolish can you be? After starting your Christian lives in the Spirit, why are you now trying to become perfect by your own human effort?

- And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules Ezk 36:26-27

- Eph 4:24 and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness (NIV)
- Col 3:10 and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator (NIV)
- 2 Cor 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! (NIV)

- Rom 8:11-13 The Holy Spirit raised Jesus from the dead. If the same Holy Spirit lives in you, He will give life to your bodies in the same way. So then, Christian brothers, we are not to do what our sinful old selves want us to do. If you do what your sinful old selves want you to do, you will die in sin. But if, through the power of the Holy Spirit, you destroy those actions to which the body can be led, you will have life.

Implications

- Our new self, new nature is empowered by the Holy Spirit. We will be able to walk in righteousness and holiness through the enablement of the Holy Spirit (to become like Jesus)
- It means total surrender, yielding of our life to the Lordship of Christ and the Holy Spirit (Glove illustration)
- Just as Jesus walked with His disciples, now the Holy Spirit now lives in us to guide and direct our life.
- However, we are still free to choose to live by the flesh or by the Spirit.

- Rom 8:5-6 Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace.
- Gal 5:17 For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want.

- Rom 8:13 For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.
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- Col 3:5 Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry.

John 6:63

- The Spirit is the one who gives life! Human strength can do nothing. The words that I have spoken to you are from that life-giving Spirit (CEV)
- It is the Spirit that gives life. The body is of no value for that. But the things I have told you are from the Spirit, so they give life (ERV)

2 Cor 3:6

- Who has made us competent to be ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

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- John 5:19 Jesus gave them this answer: "Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does.
- John 5:30 By myself I can do nothing; I judge only as I hear, and my judgment is just, for I seek not to please myself but him who sent me.

- John 8:28 Jesus therefore said, 'When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am He, and I do nothing on My own initiative, but I speak these things as the Father taught Me
- John 12:49-50 For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak.

- 1 Cor 2:13 This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words.
- 1 Pet 4:11 If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen

- John 16:13 When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.
- John 14:26 But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you
- 1 John 2:27 But the anointing that you received from him abides in you, and you have no need that anyone should teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about everything, and is true, and is no lie—just as it has taught you, abide in him.
- Rom 8:14 For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God

SUGGESTIONS

1. GET TO KNOW THE HOLY SPIRIT BY STUDYING THE SCRIPTURES
2. PRACTICE RECOGNIZING THE PROMPTINGS AND LEADINGS OF THE SPIRIT IN YOUR DEVOTION
3. SCHEDULE EXTENDED TIME TO LEARN TO WAIT ON THE LORD
4. JOURNAL DOWN WHAT YOU HAVE RECEIVED AND SHARE WITH SOMEONE WHO ARE MATURE IN THE WALK OF THE SPIRIT
5. PRACTICE RECOGNIZING THE SPIRIT'S LEADING IN YOUR HOME, WORK AND MINISTRY