

<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, <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. <sup>22</sup> 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. – *Galatians 5:18 – 23 (NKJV)* 

## Read Galatians 5:16 - 17

- The flesh and the spirit are so contrary to one another that walking in the Spirit automatically excludes walking in the flesh. Although born-again, Christian-believers still experience fleshly desires, they will battle those desires rather than repeatedly indulging them.
- Over time, a Christian-believer should increasingly bear the fruit of the Spirit and be more successful in his or her battle against fleshly lusts (desires) and sinful temptations.
- <u>1 Peter 2:11 (KJV)</u> "Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, **abstain** from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul..."
- <u>Acts 15:20 (KJV)</u> "But that we write unto them, that they **abstain** from pollutions of idols (spiritual sin), and from fornication (sensual sin)..."
- <u>1 Thessalonians 4:3 (KJV)</u> "For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should **abstain** from fornication..."
  - Abstain = to hold oneself off; refrain; the hold back; keep off; prevent
- Walk is in the present tense, indicating a \_\_\_\_\_ of life. To walk in the Spirit is to have a daily habit of continual obedience. Paul by the Holy Spirit challenges us to keep moving in the enabling power and work of the Holy Spirit.
- <u>Freedom is not unrestrained behavior</u>. A life of doing whatever we want, whenever we want, is in reality a life of rather than freedom.
- To be led by the Spirit implies that we are allowing ourselves to be led. As we invite the Holy Spirit through our newborn, recreated human spirit to direct us and development the fruit of the Spirit in us, He enables us to defeat the power of the flesh more and more so we can walk in a way of freedom and righteousness. (Romans 8:14)
- THE WORKS OF THE FLESH FALL INTO THREE (3) CATEGORIES: (1) SINS (Galatians 5:19) (2 SINS (Galatians 5:20a), and (3) SINS (Galatians 5:20b, 21).
- Notice that most of works of the flesh are social sins. It is in our personal relationship that the flesh most often appears.
- \_\_\_\_\_ is the act of worshipping anything other than God. We are created to worship God, love people, and use things. Too often carnal, body-ruled believers we use people, love self, and worship things.

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