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Galatians 5:16-23

So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves. 17 The sinful nature wants to do evil, which is just the opposite of what the Spirit wants. And the Spirit gives us desires that are the opposite of what the sinful nature desires. These two forces are constantly fighting each other, so you are not free to carry out your good intentions. 18 But when you are directed by the Spirit, you are not under obligation to the law of Moses. 19 When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division, 21 envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God. 22 But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!



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God has granted us the gift of Freedom through the death and resurrection of His Son. Will we squander this gift of eternal life, just as Adam and Eve did? Will we succumb to our desires and serve only ourselves, or will we be led by the Spirit and be fruitful? To serve the flesh is to take only for ourselves and to serve selfish desires. To serve the Spirit is to gain and be fruitful. To live by the Spirit is to be restored to our original design, to undo the mistakes of Adam and Eve, and to receive the gift of eternal life again.

