

Galatians 5:16-18

16. This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.
17. For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.
18. But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.

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- This section reminds us that the successful Christian life, and work of the ministry is impossible without the Holy Spirit in control of our lives.
- The reality is that the Fruit of the Spirit cannot be manufactured, nor can it be faked for long!

Critical Passages to Remember

1. The promise and function of the Holy Spirit
John 14:16-18, 26, 15:26-27, 16:7-14.

2. Sin is already defeated, Romans 6

- Dead - lit. unplugged
- Reckon - consider the facts and come to the logical conclusion
- Yield - To put yourself at the disposal of another

1. We can be Spirit controlled- Ephesians 5:17-18. This effects the following areas:

- Worship- 5:19-20
- Husband wife relationship- 5:21-33
- Parent / Child relationship-6:1-4
- Work relationships- 6:5-9
- Spiritual warfare-6:10-18

- V16
- Walking in the Spirit is not some “higher or deeper” Christian life attainable by a select few. This is the normal expected condition of every believer (imperative).
- In order to achieve victory over the flesh, to prevent the abuse of liberty, and to avoid legalism the believer must be under the control of the Holy Spirit.

- V16 “ye shall not”-The Greek double negative means-never, no way, not under any circumstances, absolutely no possibility.
- “The double negative occurs slightly less than 100 times in the New Testament(a listing of all these occurrences can be found in The Englishman’s Greek Concordance.)”

- V18
- Led- to have an expert guide. It is allowing the Holy Spirit to enable and direct us in our lives.
- Believers must grow to the point of allowing the Holy Spirit to be the controlling influence in our lives.
- Believers who walk in the Spirit will find that they have a whole new way of life- free from sin and free to live by the power that Jesus gives! An incredible blessing from our Heavenly Father!