

Galatians

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Galatians 5:16-25 NOTES



THE WARFARE BETWEEN THE SPIRIT & THE FLESH

Galatians 5:16-25 (NASB)

¹⁶ But I say, **walk by the Spirit**, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.

¹⁷ For **the flesh sets its desire** against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Holy Spirit, you are not under the Law [because you are in Christ].

¹⁹ Now **the deeds of the flesh** are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, ²¹ envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, that those who **practice such things** will not inherit the kingdom of God.

VERSE 22 **But the fruit of the Spirit** is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

²⁴ Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

1. To **walk by the Spirit** is to allow the Holy Spirit to _____ the old sinful nature (or the flesh) that _____ to live according to our old self-centered desires.

Dr. Tony Evans, “**To walk by the Spirit** is to **discover** God’s view on a matter, **decide** to act on that divine perspective, and **depend** on the Holy Spirit to empower your obedience. Notice that walking by the Spirit doesn’t mean resting while the Spirit does all the work ... We are called “**to walk**” while trusting in the Spirit’s empowerment.”

2. To walk by the Spirit, we must learn to both _____ our old ways and _____ on the ways and the word of God.

Dr. Evans also remarks, *“It’s also important to note that **Paul does not say we won’t have desires of the flesh. It’s just that walking by the Spirit keeps us from yielding to those desires. **Notice that you don’t seek to address the sinful desires of the flesh first. You focus on walking by the Spirit first and He overrides – not necessarily cancels [but overrides] – the desires of the flesh.*

John 15:4-8 (NASB)

⁴ *“Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide [remain]in Me.*

⁵ *“I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.*

^{VERSE 7} *“If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.*

⁸ *“My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples.*

3. The very fact that you _____ with this ongoing battle is _____ that the Holy Spirit is at work in your life.

Victory in the Christian life - begins with the right *FOCUS*; and the right focus - leads to the right *DISCIPLINE*.