

WATCH WHERE YOU WALK

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1Jo 1:7 **But if we walk in the light**, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

Joh 12:35 Then Jesus said unto them, Yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you: **for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth.**

Joh 12:36 While ye have light, believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light

Rom 8:1 *There is* therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who **walk not after the flesh**, but after the Spirit.

Rom 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

Rom 8:3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:

Rom 8:4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Rom 8:5 **For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.**

Rom 8:6 **For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.**

Rom 8:7 Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

Rom 8:8 **So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.**

Rom 8:9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

Rom 8:10 And if Christ *be* in you, the body *is* dead because of sin; but the Spirit *is* life because of righteousness.

Rom 8:11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

Rom 8:12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh.

Rom 8:13 **For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die:** but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

Rom 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

1. Many people wonder why they are always battling with the flesh, and why they are tempted, they thought that they would never have a problem when they received the Holy Ghost. And soon they become discouraged.
2. What they fell to see is that after they are born again of the water and of the Spirit, they now have two natures fighting for the possession of your body and soul. The old sinful nature of sinfulness and the new nature of Jesus Christ and liberty.
3. When a person receives the Holy Ghost, they have just declared war on their flesh, the world and the Devil.
4. To be strong in the Lord and the Power of His might you must be strengthen with might in the inner man. Feed the Spirit and become a strong Christian, or feed the flesh and become a carnal and weak Christian.

Gal 5:16 *This* I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

Gal 5:17 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.

Gal 5:24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

Gal 5:25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

**BEFORE WE CAME TO GOD WE WERE WITHOUT HOPE
AND WITHOUT GOD IN THIS WORLD**

Eph 2:2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

Eph 2:3 Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

Eph 2:4 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,

Eph 2:12 That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:

Eph 2:13 But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

JESUS CAME INTO YOUR LIFE

Eze 36:25 Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you.

Eze 36:26 A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh.

Eze 36:27 And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do *them*.

**AS YOU WALK IN THE SPIRIT YOU WILL PRODUCE
THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT**

Rom 14:17 For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

Gal 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

Gal 5:23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.
Gal 5:24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

(Those who belong to Christ, have nailed their natural evil desires to His cross, and have crucified them there.)

Gal 5:25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.
Gal 5:26 Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

1. **Love**: Caring and seeking for the highest good of another person without motive for personal gain.
2. **Joy**: The feeling of gladness based on the love, grace, blessings, promises, and nearness of God that belongs to those filled with His Spirit.
3. **Peace**: The quietness of heart and mind based on the knowledge that all is well between the believer and his or her heavenly Father.
4. **Longsuffering**: Endurance, patience, being slow to anger or despair.
5. **Gentleness**: Not wanting to hurt someone or give him or her pain.
6. **Goodness**: Zeal for truth and righteousness and a hatred for evil; it can be expressed in acts of kindness, or in rebuking and correcting evil.
7. **Faith**: Faithfulness, firm and unswerving loyalty and adherence to a person to whom one is united by promise, commitment, trustworthiness, and honesty.

8. **Meekness**: Restraint coupled with strength and courage; it describes a person who can be angry when anger is needed and humbly submissive when submission is needed.
9. **Temperance**: having control or mastery over one's own desires and passions, including faithfulness to one's marriage vows; also purity, chastity.

Against such there is no Law: To practice these virtues over and over again; and they will never discover a law prohibiting them from living according to these principles.

FRUIT OF THE FLESH

FLESH: Is the sinful elements in human nature with its corrupt desires. It remains within the Christian after his conversion and is a deadly enemy to him. Those who practice the deeds of the flesh cannot inherit the kingdom of God. Hence, they must be resisted and put to death in a continual warfare that the believer wages through the Holy Spirit.

1. **Adultery**: Sexual relations of a married person with someone other than his or her spouse.
2. **Fornication**: Immoral sexual conduct between single or unmarried persons; yet often signifying adultery also; it includes taking pleasure in pornographic pictures; films, or writing.
3. **Uncleanness**: Sexual sin, evil deed, and vices, including thoughts and desires of the heart. (Thoughts of the Heart were evil continually.)
4. **Lasciviousness**: Sensuality, following one's passions and desires to the point of having no shame or public decency. All lewdness.
5. **Idolatry**: Worship of spirits, persons, or graven images, also trust in any person, institution, or thing as having equal or greater authority than God and His Word.

6. **Witchcraft**: Sorcery, spiritism, black magic, worship of demons, and the use of drugs to produce “spiritual experience.”
7. **Hatred**: Intense, hostile intentions and acts, extreme dislike or enmity
8. **Variance**: Quarreling, antagonism, a struggle for superiority; Contentions, where the principle of hatred proceeds to open acts; hence contests, altercations, lawsuits, and disputes in general.
9. **Emulations**: resentfulness, envy of another’s success. Strife that excels at the expense of another; lowering others to set up one’s self; unholy zeal, fervently adopting a bad cause, or supporting a good one by cruel means. Inquisitions, pretending to support true religion by torturing and burning alive those who both profess and practice it.
10. **Wrath**: Explosive anger or rage which flares into violent words, and deeds.
11. **Strife**: selfish ambitions and seeking of power.
12. **Seditious**: Introducing divisive teachings not supported by the Word of God.
13. **Heresies**: Division within the congregation into selfish groups or cliques which destroy the unity of the church.
14. **Envy**: resentful dislike of another person who has something that one desires.
15. **Murders**: Killing a person unlawfully and with malice. Murder signifies the destruction of human life; and as he who hates his brother in his heart is ready to take away his life, so he is called a murderer.

16. **Drunkenness:** Impairing one's mental or physical control by alcoholic drink.
17. **Revellings:** Excessive feasting; revelry, a party spirit involving alcohol, drugs, sex, or the like. Unclean and dissolute songs, banquets, and such like. **Μεθαις** signifies drunken festivals, such as were celebrated in honor of their gods, when after they had sacrificed (**μετα το θυειν**, Suidas) they drank to excess, accompanied with abominable acts of every kind.

Gal 5:21 “... and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told *you* in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.”

Any person so called Christian who engage in these types of activities shut themselves out of the kingdom of God; they do not possess eternal salvation.

1Co 6:9 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,

1Co 6:10 Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

1Co 6:11 And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.