

Keep In Step With The Spirit
Galatians 5:16-25

1. Obey the command to walk by the Spirit. (v.16)

Walk is a theme throughout Scripture to depict the Christian life.

Walk in love. Ephesians 5:2

Walk in humility. Romans 13:13

Walk in purity. 1 Corinthians 7:17

Walk in/by faith. 2 Corinthians 5:7

Walk in good works. Ephesians 2:10

Walk in truth. 3 John 3-4

Walk in light. Ephesians 5:8

Walk carefully or in wisdom. Ephesians 5:15

Walk differently than the world. Ephesians 4:17

Walk separated from sin. 2 Thessalonians 3:6

2. Recognize the conflict between the flesh and the Spirit. (vv. 17-18)

Romans 7:12-25

3. Recognize the contrast between the works of the flesh and the Spirit. (vv.18-23)

Paul contrast the works of the flesh with the works of the Spirit.

a. Works of the flesh

v.19

VICES

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-sexual immorality

-impurity

-sensuality

-idolatry

-sorcery

-enmity/dissensions

-strife/divisions

-jealousy

-fits of anger

-rivalries

-dissensions

-divisions

V.21

-envy

-drunkenness

-orgies

Reject the works of the flesh!

b. Works of the Spirit

VIRTUES

-love

-joy

-Peace

-patience/longsuffering

-kindness

-goodness

-faithfulness

-gentleness/meekness

-self-control/temperance

The works of the flesh are disruptive and bring pain. The works of the Spirit bring peace and bring healing.

4. Rejoice in the conquest you have through the Spirit. (vv.24-25)

a. The flesh has been crucified with Christ.

Galatians 2:20 and Romans 6:1-7

Do you want to walk by the Spirit? Daily deny yourself, pick up your cross and follow Jesus! Stay in the Word of God!

b. The life we live now is to be in step with the Spirit. (v.25)

To live by the Spirit is to live a sanctified life as a child of God.

To walk by the Spirit is to surrender you will/desires to the Spirit moment by moment.

Walk by the Spirit could be translated to “keep in step”. To keep in step is to be in line with a person or thing considered as standard for one’s conduct.

Keep in line with the Spirit! Follow the Spirit!