

Galatians 5:13-26 **The Flesh and the Spirit**

1. Walk after the Spirit • Gal 5:15-18

- a. How do we not consume one another? We walk after the Spirit.
- b. All things are lawful - but we want things that bring edification and the power of God. (1 Cor 6:12, 10:23)
- c. How do we, in Liberty, walk in service to the Lord and to others? (Rom 8:2)
- d. It's not by the law of Moses, but the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus.
- e. To walk after the Spirit is to walk with a renewed mind. (2 Cor 4:16-18)
 - i. We are bought with a price. (1 Cor 6:20)
 - ii. We must know God's will. (Eph 5:15-17)
 - iii. Be spiritual, restore others, bear one another's burdens. (Gal 6:1-2, 1 Tim 2:24-26)
 - iv. Put on the mind of Christ. (Phil 2:1-8, Eph 5:21)
- f. Walk after the Spirit, "the things of earth will grow strangely dim" (hymn)
- g. This is not you walking after the flesh, the law. This is you, led of the Spirit, this is grace in action. (Rom 8:14)

2. The flesh • Gal 5:19-21

- a. The "lust of the flesh" is of the course of this world. (1 Jn 2:16)
- b. The works of the flesh come from a darkened heart. (Eph 4:17-18, Jer 17:9)
- c. The wrath of God is poured out against such hearts and the end is death. (Rom 1:18, 24-26)
- d. Unnatural affection, lust of the heart, pleasure in wickedness
 - i. Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envying, murder, drunkenness, revellings...
 - ii. These are problems that stem from sin. This is the way of the world and of darkness.
 - iii. They know God → they reject God → their hearts are dark → they make up a god → pervert truth → have vile affection → they are filled with the way of death (Rom 1:21-32)
- e. A believer was too. (Eph 2:1-3, 1 Cor 6:8-11)
- f. The law said, don't do these unrighteous things, do righteous things and live. (Gal 3:21)
- g. Aside: Inheritance never comes by works of the flesh. Israel also learns this. (Rom 10:4)

3. The Spirit • Gal 5:22-26

- a. The Spirit lusteth against the flesh. It wants things that the flesh does not want. (Gal 5:17)
- b. Being led of the Spirit does not mean that you are always following. This describes the Spirit's function. (Does Jesus stop being the "head" if you're not following? Ridiculous.)
 - i. Led is not a feeling, unction, or overwhelming emotion. Nor is your response forced.
 - ii. The Spirit is leading by the words He inspired.
- c. These things are contrary. If you're doing one, you cannot do the other.
- d. You cannot accomplish v14 by the law, but by walking in the Spirit.

- e. Love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance. (9)
- f. These are not the "fruit of you", but of the Spirit, and a consequence of walking in the Spirit.
 - i. Reminder: This is not the list of "do these and live". You don't produce the fruits listed.
 - ii. Walking after the Spirit is to walk worthy according to the wisdom and knowledge God has given you to operate by (minding the things of God). It is knowing the will of God rightly divided and setting your affection on things above. It is standing and operating in liberty. (Col 1:9-10, 3:1-4)
 - iii. This is directly tied to the cross of Christ and what has been accomplished on your behalf. (Gal 5:24-25)
- g. God killed your flesh (along with its lusts). Recognize this, reckon this true, walk in it.
- h. Vain glory: the desire to glory in something other than what the cross has accomplished. (Gal 6:12-13)