

# Walk with the Spirit (Galatians 5:16-25)

*Bondservant – Part 3*

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*Romans 8:8-9 (NIV) Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God. You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ.*

## 1. Walk by the \_\_\_\_\_ power

*Galatians 5:16 (NIV) So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature.*

### 1A. You will resist your \_\_\_\_\_

*Galatians 5:17 (NIV) For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want.*

### 1B. You will follow the Spirit's \_\_\_\_\_

*Galatians 5:18 (NIV) But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under law.*

## 2. Understand the \_\_\_\_\_ of the sinful nature

*Galatians 5:19-21a (NIV) The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like.*

### 2A. These lifestyles characterize \_\_\_\_\_

*Galatians 5:21b (NIV) I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.*

## 3. Bear the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Spirit

*Galatians 5:22-23 (NIV) But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.*

### 3A. Be \_\_\_\_\_ to your sinful nature

*Galatians 5:24 (NIV) Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires.*

### 3B. Keep in \_\_\_\_\_ with the Spirit

*Galatians 5:25 (NIV) Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.*

# Walk with the Spirit (Galatians 5:16-25) Study Guide

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Intro. In what ways is it true that everybody serves somebody, either the devil or the Lord?

What types of idols does the devil hide himself behind?

According to Romans 8:8-9, what are the differences between a believer and an unbeliever?

How would you describe what it means to be “controlled” by the Spirit?

1A. Why does walking by the Spirit’s power strengthen you to resist the desires of the sinful nature (Galatians 5:16)?

1B. How are the Spirit and the sinful nature in conflict with one another (Galatians 5:17)? Can you think of any examples?

1C. What is the difference between being led by the Spirit and being under the law (Galatians 5:18)?

1D. How can a daily time of Bible study and prayer help in walking with the Spirit’s power?

1E. How has the Seek God for the City guide been helpful to you this week in your prayer times?

2A. What aspects of sexual immorality does our culture celebrate (Galatians 5:19-21a)?

2B. What are the effects of this celebration of sexual immorality in our society?

2C. Why are people who live lifestyles characterized by these actions of the sinful nature not saved (Galatians 5:21b)?

2D. What can believers and the church do about the proliferation of the acts of the sinful nature in our society?

3A. How are the fruit of the Spirit the polar opposites of the acts of the sinful nature (Galatians 5:22-23)?

3B. What does it mean for the believer to have crucified the sinful nature (Galatians 5:24)?

3C. How can a believer grow in keeping in step with the Spirit (Galatians 5:25)?

3D. Why is water baptism an important first step in walking with the Spirit?