

Sermon Notes

Walk, Following in Step, with the Holy Spirit to Not Carry Out the Desires of the Flesh

Galatians 5:16-25

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Text sermon questions, during the sermon, to (602) 824-8030

5:16-18 **The internal battle - the desires of the flesh vs. the Spirit**

Sinful desires remain in our mortal bodies; that's "the flesh".

Walk by the Spirit, to not carry out the desires of the flesh.

Romans 6:12-19 **Instead of presenting ourselves to sin, we should present ourselves to what the Holy Spirit wants.**

(suggested reading: Romans 12:1-2)

You don't have to try to obey all the commandments of the Old Testament law all at once. Rather, follow the Holy Spirit's leading.

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5:19-23 **Deeds of the flesh, vs. fruit of the Holy Spirit**

5:24-25 **Identify yourself with Christ, in things you think and do.**

View your flesh - with its sinful passions and desires - as crucified.
(suggested reading: Romans 6:6, 2 Corinthians 5:16-17)

You have been made alive, spiritually, so, live a new kind of life, following in step with the Holy Spirit, who made you alive.

If you want to live pleasing to God, don't carry out the sinful desires of the flesh anymore. Do that by walking by the Spirit.

Consider your sinful self crucified.

Set your mind on the things of the Spirit.

Present yourself to the Holy Spirit, to do what He wants.

What is your response to this? Discuss it with someone today.

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Application questions for 9/23/18 sermon

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**Live, Following in Step, with the Holy Spirit
to Not Carry Out the Desires of the Flesh**

(I would suggest dividing into guys and ladies separately to answer just this first question.)

(Try to have everyone answer this question.)

What is something going on in your life or thinking that we should know?"

Read Galatians 5:16-25

Share what your experience is with the battle between wanting to do what God wants and still struggling with sinful desires? What does it feel like when the battle is raging? What are your feelings about the fact that you have this struggle?

If you think you have had the experience of the Spirit leading you to stop some sinful behavior, what was that sense like? What have the circumstances been (it may have been more than once) - for example: you were praying, you were listening to a sermon, you were reading the Bible, someone was giving you counsel, or you were just going about your day and sensed Him speaking to you?

What have you then done in response to that leading? Be specific. Did you try real hard to stop? Did you pray about it every day? Were you purposeful about walking through it with God, or not? Etcetera. If this has happened more than once, maybe describe one event that exemplifies the norm. Or if you have had two very different responses, maybe describe each briefly.

What have been the results? And why do you think those were the results?

Do you think you still allow yourself to give in to sinful desires, without much resistance? Why do you think that is? Is there any sense you think you can't win the battle against those desires?

Do you, on a regular basis, present/offer yourself to the Holy Spirit? How do you do that, and what is your resulting experience?

How do you think we could go about presenting/offering ourselves to the Holy Spirit, to do what He/God wants?
(Focus on adding ideas that weren't shared to the previous question)

What value do you think it has to consider your flesh - with it's sinful passions and desires - as crucified, dead, because you are in Christ? And how could you keep this perspective in your life?

Do you believe that the Holy Spirit can produce new character and new good behaviors (fruit) in you? And what do you think it would feel like to see that happening? If it has, share the feelings.

Do you have a question for the group? It might be something you don't understand that others could help with, or something you think should be covered that hasn't.