

“Whoever does not take his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me.” Matthew 10:38

### Walk in the Spirit

Led by the Spirit is passive in nature, like a shepherd leading sheep.

Walk by the Spirit is active in nature. The Spirit leads, we walk

Peripateo: to walk around, meaning how we conduct ourselves or how we live our lives (v.16)

Stoicheo, To be drawn up in a line or keep in step. (v.25)

To walk by the Spirit is to actively follow the Spirit’s lead, striving to match Him, step for step, because the danger of not doing so is too great.

## Notes

# THE CROSS AND VICTORY

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### Galatians 5:16-25

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

### **The Method of Victory: (v.16-18)**

#### The Spirit and Flesh are in battle

We have a sin nature that is corrupting us  
We have the Holy Spirit that is changing us

Opposed: anti-destiny, anti-appointed, or not established. The opposite of a goal

#### Walk In The Spirit

To walk in the Spirit is learning a new life

Deny The Flesh

Thumos: passions or emotions (desire)

Telios: the negative of completion (deny)

**The Failure of Flesh** (v. 19-21)

Sexual Sins

Immorality: fornication

Impurity: unnatural vices

Sensuality: open indecency

Religious Sins

Idolatry: giving worship to another

Sorcery: secret tampering with powers of evil

Societal Sins

Enmity: deep seated ill-will

Strife: bitter conflict

Jealousy: prideful desire to have

Fits of anger: intense passion of anger

Rivalries: desire to get ahead without morals

Dissensions: splitting a group

Divisions: establishing a party

Envy: spite toward the success of another

Drunken Sins

Drunkenness

Orgies: an occasion for gluttony or excessive drinking

To do is continual or habitual action

Inheriting the kingdom of God is about being an heir of Christ

*“And if you are Christ’s then you are Abraham’s offspring, heir according to promise.” Galatians 3:29*

**The Spirit and flesh  
are irreconcilable  
enemies**

*“So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.” Galatians 4:7*

**The Success of the Spirit** (22-23)

Fruit is what a plant or tree produces

Love, Joy, and Peace: drive our relationship toward God

Our first love is God

Our chief source of joy is God

Peace with God becomes the anchor of life

Patience, Kindness, and Goodness: drives our witness

Patience when aggravated or persecuted

Kindness as a disposition toward others

Goodness in words and deeds

Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self Control: drive our character

Faithfulness consistently pursuing Godly standards

Gentleness as meekness and humility

Self Control or mastery of self/flesh

**The Price of Victory** (24-25)

Crucify the Flesh

Crucifying the Flesh is pitiless and painful

Crucifying the Flesh is decisive and daily

*“And He said to all, ‘If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow me.’” Luke 9:23 (Mark 8:34)*