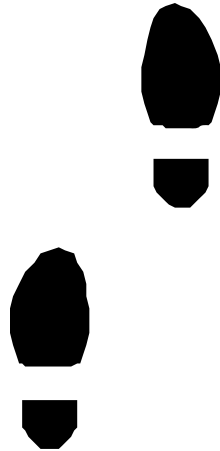


Do You Know How To
WALK IN THE SPIRIT?



OUR DAILY BREAD

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SOMETHING YOU MUST KNOW:

God is perfect. He is Holy. We are all sinners. *For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.*

(Romans 3:23a KJB)

None of us could ever make ourselves perfect or holy to be accepted by God. But God loves us all so much, that He gave His only Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to go to the cross and pay the penalty for our sins IN FULL, ONCE and FOR ALL. Jesus died and rose again. Because of the Lord Jesus Christ, God can now make us holy and acceptable to Himself. *For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit.* (1 Peter 3:18 KJB)

Jesus Christ is our ONLY WAY to God and heaven.

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life, no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

(John 14:6 KJB)

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved. (Acts 16:31 KJB)

Without Jesus Christ, you can NEVER be accepted by God or go to heaven. When you believe in Jesus Christ as your Savior, God makes you His child. When you leave this world, you will spend all of eternity with Him! *But as many as received him to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.* (John 1:12 KJB) While you are still here on earth, learn His beautiful Word. Believe it and obey it, so you can enjoy all God has done for you.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom.

(Colossians 3:16a KJB)

Did you SEARCH OUT this scripture last week?

" *This* I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. "



Galatians 5:16

We'll talk about that scripture in a moment, but first, here is a short REVIEW.

We've been studying how God has given ALL His children lots of HELP to RESIST the schemes & temptations that Satan uses to try to MESS UP our lives and DISTRACT us from following God. (If you have not been studying along with us these past few months, please get all the lessons from August 30, 2007. this has been a LONG but IMPORTANT study. Reading all those lessons will help you catch up & understand THIS lesson!)

God has given all His children His WORD to follow, which we find WRITTEN DOWN CLEARLY for us to read. And at THIS particular time of history, the ONLY place we can find ALL of God's written Word for us is in the King James Bible of 1611. There are LOTS of other "bibles" in our world today, but all those other "bibles" do NOT have all GOD'S WORDS to man in them. Some of these "bibles" have left lots of God's Words OUT of them. Many of them contain words & sentences & whole passages that have been CHANGED from God's Words to words which their writers THINK sound better! So let's BE CAREFUL that we stick to the ONLY BIBLE at this time of history which contains ALL God's Words to us the way HE WANTS them. Listen to what God says about changing His Words or leaving them out:

"For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that

are written in this book:

And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and *from* the things which are written in this book.

Revelation 22:18-19 KJB

Right now I do NOT understand everything that God means by that scripture; but I DO KNOW that from that scripture we sure can tell that we SHOULD NOT MESS WITH GOD'S WORD in any way! That sure is a FRIGHTENING WARNING from God!

God takes His WORD really SERIOUSLY because His Word tells us WHO GOD IS! And ONLY GOD is QUALIFIED to tell us about Himself! When God says something about Himself using certain words, we have NO RIGHT to change His Words! There is not one single person who ever lived or will live except The Lord Jesus Christ who knows God completely. Jesus Christ knows God completely because Jesus IS GOD! Therefore we have NO RIGHT to change His Words or leave them out!!!

We see then that God has given us His Word which gives us INSTRUCTIONS & DIRECTIONS on how to RESIST all kinds of temptations. In fact, we have learned that God says that His Word is a

SPIRITUAL ARMOR

that His children can learn to PUT ON THEIR MINDS to help them spot all Satan's lies & schemes & have power to resist them:

“Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

Ephesians 6:10-11 KJB

Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.”



We have also learned that God not only has given His children His WORD to tell us what we should KNOW & BELIEVE & DO while we live down here on earth as members of His family, God has also given every single one of His children Someone POWERFUL to live inside them to help them learn & believe & obey His Word. Who is that Person who knows everything about God & then teaches us what God wants us to know & helps us believe & obey God? This next scripture tells us CLEARLY who it is:



“But God hath revealed *them* (everything He wants His children to know) by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.”

1Corinthians 2:10 KJB

Now that sure was CLEAR! It is God the Holy Spirit who lives inside each believer. It is God the Holy Spirit who REVEALS or SHOWS God’s children everything God wants them to know. This next scripture tells HOW God the Holy Spirit does that:

“Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

Which things also we speak, not in the words which man’s wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.”

1Corinthians 2:12-13 KJB

God the Holy Spirit teaches God’s children by using some SPIRITUAL THINGS & comparing those SPIRITUAL THINGS with other SPIRITUAL THINGS! Well, now we need to ask:

WHAT ARE THOSE SPIRITUAL THINGS that the Holy Spirit uses to teach us?

Well, look back at the first part of that scripture where it says “not in words of man’s wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth.” That CLEARLY tells us that the Holy Spirit uses God’s WORDS, which we now find in our King James Bible, to teach us what God wants us to know. Jesus said it this way concerning the Holy Spirit’s work in teaching us what God’s Word says:

“Howbeit when the Spirit of truth (God the Holy Spirit) is come, he will guide you into all truth (God’s Truth):”

John 16:13a KJB



So we see that God has given us His Word & His Spirit inside us to give us POWER to obey God & RESIST Satan & all his evil temptations! When we KNOW God’s Word & BELIEVE God’s Word & then OBEY God’s Word that means we have FAITH in God’s Word. And when we have FAITH IN God’s Word, God the Holy Spirit gives us POWER to do what is RIGHT & BE STRONG in ALL situations. In fact, here is a little FORMULA that you can memorize to help you REMEMBER this FACT:

GOD’ S WORD + FAITH = POWER!

And it is the HOLY SPIRIT who helps us do ALL THESE THINGS. The Holy Spirit helps us LEARN GOD’S WORD & HAVE FAITH IN GOD’S WORD. FAITH = BELIEVING the part of God’s

Word that we know & then OBEYING or APPLY-
ING the part of God's Word that we know & believe!
And that brings us back to the Galatians 5:16 scrip-
ture which you read at the very beginning of
this lesson:

*" This I say then, Walk in the Spirit,
and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the
flesh."*

And just what does it mean to WALK IN THE SPIRIT? Well, what do we do when we WALK? When we WALK, we simply put one foot in front of the other - not too fast & not too slow! And when we WALK we move from one point to another in a certain direction depending on our purpose & goal. Well, when we WALK in the Spirit, it means that we live our lives moment to moment each day following God's directions which we find in His Word as the Holy Spirit helps us learn it, believe it & obey it. To WALK in the Spirit means that all we think & do in life we think & do as the Holy Spirit guides us from God's Word to God's purpose & goal in our life. Do you remember what God's purpose & goal is for all His children? Romans 8:29 KJB

"For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren."

God's purpose for YOU if you have accepted Jesus as your Savior, is to make you more & more like Jesus, His Son, in how you think, speak & act! And as we WALK IN THE

SPIRIT, moment by moment, learning, believing, doing - having faith - in God's Word, God shapes us to be more & more like Jesus!

Now let's go back to Galatians 5:16 now. What does that scripture tell us will happen when we WALK IN THE SPIRIT? That scripture tells us that when we live our lives learning & believing & doing what God the Holy Spirit helps us to learn, believe & do from the Word of God, we

“shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.”

Now what do all those words mean?

When you are studying the bible, it is always helpful to have a good Dictionary handy so you can look up words that you might not understand. So we will do that right now:

We need to know the meanings of these 3 words: fulfil, lust & flesh, to help us understand what God is telling us here.

fulfil = to satisfy, to do something to meet a desire or need. (For example, when we are hungry, we eat food to satisfy or meet our need & desire for food.

lust = to have a very strong desire for something.

flesh = man's physical body rather than his soul. In the bible, the word flesh refers to the way people think & act in their own without God.

Let's use an example to help us understand what “fulfilling the lust of the flesh” means. A person may have a strong desire - a lust - to be RICH so that they can spend all their money making themselves happy. So to FULFILL that strong desire or lust, that person spends ALL their time doing things to get money, maybe even some things that are not right to do, like cheating, stealing, gambling. That is an ex-

ample of “fulfilling the lust of the flesh. Now there is NOTHING wrong with being RICH. Some of God’s people like King David & Abraham & King Solomon had lots of riches. But what is WRONG with riches is when we come to want & love those riches more than we want & love God! God NEVER said that MONEY is evil. God allows us to have money to help us buy the things we need to live & also to give to others who need help. God gives His children money to help share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with others. But God DOES say that the LOVE for MONEY is THE ROOT OF ALL EVIL! God says that the LOVE of MONEY even brings many sorrows to His very own children who start desiring money more than God, & God warns His children right there in His Word to follow Him & all that He says is RIGHT & GOOD instead of their desires & lust for money:



“For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.”

But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.” 1Tim6:10-11 KJB

That “LOVE OF MONEY” was just one example of a “lust of the flesh” - a temptation - something we want from our “human” viewpoint without God’s way of thinking about it. So how can we RESIST such temptations as the love of money or the wrong use of drugs or alcohol as one of our students asked? Galatians 5:16 KJB

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Next week we’ll learn about another important way the Holy Spirit helps us! See you then!

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