

Life By The Spirit
Galatians 5:16-26
Live As If You Are Free

A. The Right Way To Live (5:16-18)

- 1. The way**
- 2. The why**
- 3. The who**

B. The Wrong Way To Live (5:19-21)

- 1. Sins involving sex (5:19)**
- 2. Sins involving religion (5:20a)**
- 3. Sins involving animosity (5:20b-21a)**
- 4. Sins involving substance abuse (5:21b)**

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C. The Evidence of Life In The Spirit (5:22-26)

- 1. The Fruit of the Spirit (5:22-23)**
- 2. The Fatality of the Flesh (5:24)**
- 3. The Following of God (5:25)**
- 4. The Forsaking of Self (5:26)**

Doing Good
Galatians 6:1-10

To do good you must be good

I. Live A Spirit Led Life (6:1-5)

A. Restore the fallen

Galatians 6:1

Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.

- 1. The one caught stumbling in a trespass**
- 2. By one who has evidence of a spiritual walk**
- 3. To “set” the one who fell on the right path**
- 4. In true humility**

I. Live A Spirit Led Life (6:1-5)

B. Respect the hurting

Galatians 6:2

Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

1. To endure with someone

Hebrews 12:12

Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees;

2. To love as Christ

1 John 4:21

And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.

I. Live A Spirit Led Life (6:1-5)

C. Remember your history

Galatians 6:3

For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself.

Galatians 5:26

Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.

I. Live A Spirit Led Life (6:1-5)

D. Reflect on your efforts

Galatians 6:4

But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another.

1 Corinthians 11:31

For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged.

1 Corinthians 15:10

But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

I. Live A Spirit Led Life (6:1-5)

E. Regard your cross

Galatians 6:5

For every man shall bear his own burden.

Luke 9:23

And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.

Luke 14:27

And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.

II. Don't Just Soak It In (6:6)

Galatians 6:6

Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things.

If someone ministers to you spiritually, minister to him materially.

Romans 12:13

Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality.

Romans 15:27

It hath pleased them verily; and their debtors they are. For if the Gentiles have been made partakers of their spiritual things, their duty is also to minister unto them in carnal things.

III. What Crop Is Coming In Your Life? (6:7-8)

Matthew 7:16-19

16 Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?

17 Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.

18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

19 Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

III. What Crop Is Coming In Your Life? (6:7-8)

Galatians 6:7-8

7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

8 For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

A. A man reaps what he sows

B. Sowing to the flesh brings destruction

C. Sowing to the spirit reaps eternal rewards

IV. Do Good (6:9-10)

Galatians 6:9-10

9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

10 As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

A. Stay encouraged

B. Stay engaged

IV. Do Good (6:9-10)

C. Stay effective

James 2:15-16

15 If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food,

16 And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?

1 John 3:17

But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?

James 4:17

**Therefore to him that knoweth to
do good, and doeth it not, to him
it is sin.**