



GALATIANS

— FREEDOM IN THE GOSPEL —

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.

Galatians 5:16-18

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.

Galatians 5:19-21

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. If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.

Galatians 5:22-25

Declaration of the Battle

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.

Galatians 5:16

Reality of the Battle

Four categories of the works of the flesh indicated:

1. Sensuality
2. False religion
3. Destructive attitudes leading to destructive actions
4. Indulgence

Fruit of the Spirit

- ❖ Use of the word fruit implies steady growth
- ❖ Fruit is singular: virtues are examples of the fruit
- ❖ Origin of the fruit of the spirit: cannot be manufactured by us, comes from God

Victory In the Battle:

- ❖ Crucify the Flesh
- ❖ Pursue Christ not Virtue