



Living By the Spirit, Not the Flesh

Galatians 5:16-25

- 1) Christian liberty is a balance between legalism and license (16-18)
 - a) Those with the Spirit of God regularly battle their flesh
 - b) Those with the Spirit of God frequently battle legalism
- 2) Those who practice the deeds of the flesh do not possess God's Spirit (19-21)
- 3) Those who possess God's Spirit show lawful evidence of such (22-23)
- 4) Questions-challenge
 - a) Are you fighting in the war between the Spirit & your flesh?
 - b) Who or what are you controlled by?
 - c) How do you plan to prevail in this epic battle?
 - d) Challenge: Begin today to cultivate the fruit of the Spirit in your life. Only then will you begin to deal properly with all that God puts before you.
- 5) Quote: "The spiritual life will not be maintained without a struggle... Disobedience and rebellion against the Spirit of God pervade the whole nature of man. If we would obey the Spirit, we must labor, fight, and apply our utmost energy; and we must begin with self-denial." —John Calvin