

Our year of the Holy Spirit: Walking in holiness and bearing fruit that remain.



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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... **Galatians 5:16-17**

The Holy Spirit is responsible for our renewal and regeneration as we are transformed by the Spirit of God and filled with His fruit and gifts. In this new season its our desire to not only know the Holy Spirit, but also show evidence of the Holy Spirit in our lives through holiness and bearing fruit that remain.

1. To walk in Holiness and pursue purity.
2. To bear godly fruit and show the character of Christ.
3. To prepare the church for the return of the Bridegroom.

Holiness...

In Hebrew qodesh & in greek hagios, the idea of holiness is the separation from profanity and dedication to God. From the nature of God, the life of Jesus and the expectation of heaven of the church, holiness is practical and essential for the believer. However this is only possible by walking in the Spirit.

And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, “Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them, **You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy...** Leviticus 19:1-2

but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, 16 since it is written, “**You shall be holy, for I am holy”...** 1Peter1:15-16

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that **your fruit should abide**, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you... John 15:16

As we walk with the Holy Spirit one key thing that will happen is the growing reflection of the Character of Jesus for the glorification of God and the advancement of His kingdom on earth. A good relationship with God makes us more eternity minded so we can bear lasting fruit and not ones that will perish along with the earth.

1. We must remain connected to God
2. We must welcome spiritual discipline, trials and challenges
3. We must walk with like minded people
4. We must advance God's kingdom through service

Biblically referred to as **slothfulness or sluggishness**, **laziness** is not just a habit but a deep deficiency of character and a mindset that destroys our God given potential to do great things for God. Laziness causes us to settle for lesser than what God intended for us.

For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: **If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat.** For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies...
2Thessalonians 3:10-11

1. Lazy people lack commitment. (**Proverbs 6:9-11**)
2. Lazy people lack the ability to complete. (**Proverbs 19:24**)
3. Lazy people avoid confronting hard situations. (**Proverbs 20:4**)
4. Lazy people are never content. (**Proverbs 13:4**)

Conclusion...

Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified... **1Corinthians 9:24-27**

Let us pray...