



The battle of the Spirit and 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 5:17**

The book of Galatians...

	<p>Defense of the Gospel</p> <p>I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. 2:20</p> <p>Chapters 1-2</p>	<p>Doctrinal teaching and freedom from legalism</p> <p>There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 3:28</p> <p>Chapters 3-4</p>	<p>Practicality of the gospel life and transformation</p> <p>If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. 5:25</p> <p>Chapters 5-6</p>
Delivery	Vigorous, blunt, direct and brief		
Theme	Justification comes by faith in Jesus Christ and not by the works of the law		
Key verse	yet we know that a person is not justified[a] by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified. 2:16		
Christ in Galatians	Jesus is the source and power of a believers new life and access to the promises of God. 2:20, 3:1-16		

Fruitful living in difficult times...

But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people... **2Timothy 3:1-9**

If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.
Galatians 5:25

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. **Galatians 5:22-24**

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16. But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. 17. 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. 18. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. 19. Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, 20. idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, 21. 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 :16-21**

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5. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. 6. For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. 7. For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. 8. Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

Romans 8:5-8

4. For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. 5. We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ. **2Corinthians 10:4-5**

Keeping in step with the Spirit...

- Read God's word, meditate, pray and fast.
- Desire and exhibit the fruit of the Spirit...
- Discern, be sensitive!! (**1John 4:1**)
- Be intentional about your community. (**Acts 2:42**)
- Don't quench the Spirit. (**1Thessalonians 5:19**)

22. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23. gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. 24. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25. If we live by the Spirit, **let us also keep in step with the Spirit.** 26. Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another. **Galatians 5:22-26**