

Walk by the Spirit, Part 9

Galatians 5:16-26

To walk by the Spirit is to seek to live all of life in a way that is empowered and controlled by the transforming influence of the Spirit in our inner man, so that our whole outlook on life is in harmony with His.

Through all of life's sufferings and blessings, God overhauls our mind and heart into His image by means of:

A. The Word of God: God Speaking

1. God has spoken through Jesus
2. In order to walk you have to be fed
3. Thorough Bible feeding is received in many ways
 - a. The preaching of the Word
 - b. The teaching of the Word
 - c. Testifying about the Word
 - d. Singing the Word
 - e. Reading the Word
 - f. Hearing the reading of the Word
 - g. Talking about the Word
4. Healthy Bible feeding happens through a variety of focuses and approaches
 - a. Zoomed Out / Zoomed In
 - b. Familiar / Unfamiliar
 - c. Guided / Independent
 - d. Doctrinal / Devotional
 - e. General / Targeted
 - f. Together / Alone

5. Purposeful Bible feeding has several goals: Feed on God's Word
 - a. To know love and to love (1 Peter 1:8)
 - b. To remember (1 Peter 1:1-5)
 - c. To reaffirm our faith (1 Peter 1:3-9)
 - d. To rejoice and set our hope (1 Peter 1:6-13)
 - e. To know so that we might partake (1 Peter 1:14-17)
 - f. To repent and obey (1 Peter 1:14)
 - g. To see and to value (1 Peter 2:4-6)
 - h. To worship and proclaim (1 Peter 2:5, 9)
 - i. To learn to discern the will of God (1 Peter 2:11-17)
 - j. To prepare and to pray (1 Peter 4:7)

Colossians 3:16

B. The People of God: God Incarnate (1 Peter 4:8-11)

1. God speaks through His people to You
 - a. His people preach the Word to you
 - b. His people teach the Word to you
 - c. His people testify about the Word to you
 - d. His people sing the Word to you and with you
 - e. His people read the Word with you
 - f. His people read the Word to you
 - g. His people talk about the Word with you

2. God demonstrates Himself to you by strengthening His people to serve you

a. His people help with your tangible needs

b. His people pray for you

2 Corinthians 1:11 you also must help us by prayer

c. His people model Christlikeness for you

Philippians 3:17 *Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us.*

1 Corinthians 11:1 *Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.*

d. His people weep and rejoice with you

e. His people are there for you

f. His people love you

2 Corinthians 13:11 *Finally, brothers, rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.*

1 John 4:12 *No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.*

Col. 2:2-3 *that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.*

C. The Spirit of God: God Present & Powerful (1 Peter 4:14)

To walk by the Spirit is to seek to live all of life in a way that is empowered and controlled by the transforming influence of the Spirit in our inner man, so that our whole outlook on life is in harmony with His.