

“Flesh vs Spirit”

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Galatians 5:16-26

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Galatians 5:16-26, ESV.

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, 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.*

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 walk by the Spirit. 26 Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.”*

1. The works of the flesh.

a. Sexual.

b. Religious.

c. Relational.

d. Social.

2. The fruit of the Spirit.

a. Love.

1 Corinthians 13:4-7. *“Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast. It is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way. It is not irritable or resentful. It does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.*

b. Joy.

John 15:11. *“These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.”*

John 16:13. *“So also you have sorrow now. But I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice. And no one will take your joy from you.”*

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c. Peace.

John 14:27. *“Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.”*

John 16:33. *“I have said these things to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”*

d. Patience.

Psalm 37:7-9. *“Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for Him. Fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices. Refrain from anger and forsake wrath. Fret not yourself; it tends only to evil. For the evildoers shall be cut off, but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.”*

e. Kindness.

f. Goodness.

g. Faithfulness.

Lamentations 3:21-24. *“”But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope. The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; His mercies never come to an end. They are new every morning. Great is Your faithfulness.”*

2 Timothy 2:13. *“If we are faithless, He remains faithful, for He cannot deny Himself.”*

h. Gentleness.

Matthew 5:5. *“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.”*

Matthew 11:28-30. *“”Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me. For I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.”*

i. Self-control.

Titus 2:11-14. *“For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession who are zealous for good works.”*