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Living In Freedom: Life's A Choice Part 2

Our Ability To Restrain The Desires Of The Sinful Nature Depends On How Much We're Willing To "Live By" The Holy Spirit

Galatians 6:8 - *Those who live only to satisfy their own sinful nature will harvest decay and death from that sinful nature. But those who live to please the Spirit will harvest everlasting life from the Spirit.*

Galatians 5:19-21 - *When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures,²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division,²¹ envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God.*

Sexual, Superstitious, Social, and Ritualistic

The Flesh Can Produce All Kinds Of Sin, But It Cannot Produce The Righteousness Of God

1 Corinthians 6:9-10 - *Don't you realize that those who do wrong will not inherit the Kingdom of God? Don't fool yourselves. Those who indulge in sexual sin, or who worship idols, or commit adultery, or are male prostitutes, or practice homosexuality,¹⁰ or are thieves, or greedy people, or drunkards, or are abusive, or cheat people—none of these will inherit the Kingdom of God.*

Matthew 3:8 - *So produce fruit that is consistent with repentance [demonstrating new behavior that proves a change of heart, and a conscious decision to turn away from sin] AMP*

Galatians 5:22-26 - *But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!²⁴ Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there.²⁵ Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives.²⁶ Let us not become conceited, or provoke one another, or be jealous of one another.*

1. Love.

Romans 5:5 - ...*For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.*

Philippians 1:9 - *I pray that your love will overflow more and more, and that you will keep on growing in knowledge and understanding.*

2. Joy.
3. Peace.
4. Patience.
5. Kindness.
6. Goodness.
7. Faithfulness.
8. Gentleness.
9. Self-Control.

Spiritual Fruit Grows Where The Spirit And The Word Are Encouraged

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