

GALATIANS 5:16-25 – Walking in the Spirit

SETUP

When you become a Christian, you receive the call to a _____ of living (Gal 5:25, 2 Cor 5:7, 10:3, Rom 12:2).

- * But this new way doesn't always come _____ to us.
- * You are living under a _____ (v17), _____ in two _____ directions, a tussle between _____ & _____.

THE TWO COMBATANTS

1. _____: Our _____ nature.
 - * The bits you & God are _____.
2. _____: Inside every born-again believer is a wonderful, complex, intimate _____ = Our spirit _____ the Holy Spirit.

5 EXAMPLES OF THE TENSION

- a) You know the right way to _____, but your _____ just shout so loud, eventually you just _____.
- b) You know, as a Christian you're called to walk in _____ & yet you're _____ and so you finally _____.
- c) You know, as a Christian, you've been saved by grace, supposed to _____ by grace and be _____ by grace & yet somehow you just can't stop the _____ to judge & criticise.
- d) You know the _____ of God, but in the _____ of the moment, it just all seems too much & any _____ is replaced by gloom & despondency & any _____ is strangled by stress & anxiety.
- e) You can see the _____, but you're _____. Surely we can get there _____, if we just give God a little _____.

WHAT ADVICE DOES PAUL GIVE TO HELP US WIN A LITTLE MORE OFTEN?

1. Make a stake-in-the-ground decision to _____.
 - * v16: The word 'let' implies a _____ & the word 'guide' asks, Who is going to be given _____? And the correct answer, of course, is _____.
 - * JM: "I _____ the Holy Spirit, but He didn't have _____ of _____."
 - * Struggle is _____ until we _____ surrender.
2. Your flesh must be _____ over & over again.
 - * The Danger: We inadvertently _____ the _____, by continually _____ & letting it _____.
 - * When you hear the flesh _____ at you, simply _____. If you _____ it, over time it will grow _____, until you have it _____.
3. _____ your _____ life any & every way you can.
 - a) Get _____ into the _____ so the _____ can get _____ into _____ (Col 3:16).
 - b) _____ your _____ on _____ (Col 3:1-2).
 - c) _____ with the _____ (Rom 8:5-6).